

KARAMI BACK AS LEBANESE P.M.

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Lebanese Premier Rashid Karami last night withdrew his resignation which he tendered last Sunday at the height of his country's 10-month-old civil warfare.

Karami was reported to have returned to office at the persuasion of Christian President Suleiman Franjeh. Both the president and Karami will this week start work on what was described as a new charter dividing power equally between Christians and Muslims throughout the country. The new charter would replace an unwritten three-decade-old covenant which provided Christians with a six-to-five ratio in the administration.

According to the new charter the Christians, now a 40 per cent minority, would preserve the presidency but would divide powers between the president and the Muslim premier. President Franjeh is scheduled to announce the new charter within a few days, reportedly signalling the emergence of a "second republic" in Lebanon.

In the meantime, state affairs are very much in the hands of a so-called "Lebanese-Syrian-Palestinian supreme committee" policing the Damascus-engineered truce.

A prominent Christian leader, Raymond Edde, who is a presidential aspirant, said in Paris over the weekend that "Lebanon has come under a Syrian mandate." He blamed Christian right-wing leaders for the recent developments in Lebanon.

Other Christian leaders in Beirut, however, accused the Palestine Liberation Organisation of further meddling in their affairs and demanded that the Syrian-Palestinian takeover of security in the PLO, leftist held northern, eastern and southern regions be restored to the Lebanese authorities. The Christian leaders further demanded an immediate withdrawal of Palestine Liberation Army forces which last week penetrated from Syria into Lebanon.

The PLO invasion had been decisive in the PLO-leftist overpowering of Christian forces as well as the government troops throughout Lebanon except for an enclave embracing the Christian mountain area and Beirut.



Angry Jerusalemite hurls brick at already shattered windshield of Egged bus on Jerusalem's Jaffa Road on Friday. The violence was sparked by Egged buses which drove slowly to snarl street traffic. (Eliahu Harazi)

Fourth day of bus strike seen as no progress made Cabinet to review situation today

The Egged bus strike goes into its fourth day today with no sign of an end in sight. Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi will review the situation before the regular weekly Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem today, and the Transport Ministry spokesman said that there were no contacts over the weekend between the Minister and the Egged management. Egged's spokesman, however, said earlier that members of the secretariat had seen Ya'acobi.

The Transport Minister himself said the key to the situation was in the hands of the Knesset Finance Committee. It was the committee's action in setting conditions for Egged's request for IL50m. which sparked the strike. There were violent scenes on Friday after bus drivers drove their vehicles through the streets of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa to tie up traffic and the newly formed transport centres. (See Cols. 4-5)

Dan urged to join

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Members of the Dan secretariat will today discuss a request from Egged that its members join the bus strike. The secretariat of the two companies met here yesterday.

It is understood that Dan — which operates in the Dan region — would prefer not to go on strike — but is willing to give Egged "moral support." (Egged and Dan have been holding merger talks during the last few months.)

The Egged secretariat last night decided to organise a demonstration in front of the Knesset this morning.

The Egged spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that between 30 and 40 bus drivers were arrested on Friday. They were released on bail, after being charged with disturbing public order.

Spokesman Gideon Talmor confirmed that members of the company's secretariat met Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi over the weekend and information was exchanged.

Replied to a question, the spokesman said the only way to end the strike was for the government to allow "normal operations" by allocating funds and permitting Egged — at this stage — to cut down on unprofitable lines. (According to the Golomb committee report on the operations of Egged, 70 per cent of the lines are not profitable.) Egged also wants the government to enforce the law against "private drivers" — mainly owners of pick-up trucks and commercial vans. Egged claims that about 200,000 passengers a day are sid-

phoned away from it in normal times.

A general meeting of members of the Egged cooperative was held at the Cinemas here yesterday. The four-hour meeting was stormy, and some members were critical of the secretariat. Many said they were against selling their holdings in Egged subsidiaries.

The secretariat urged members to refrain from violence.

The powerful opposition faction in Egged (it controls 12 of 30 men in the management) has drawn up a petition — said to have been already signed by about 70 per cent of members — opposing the selling of the subsidiaries.

The Minister of Transport met last night with officials of his department to discuss improving the alternative service while the bus stoppage lasts.

Ernie Meyer adds:

Transport Minister Ya'acobi criticized the Egged bus cooperative for its "unnecessary" strike while praising the public for its "exemplary" conduct.

Speaking on television on Friday night, he said that the key to a solution was also in the hands of the Knesset Finance Committee which should reexamine its decision, without, however, changing the basis of the Golomb report recommendations. He criticized the 1967 decision of the Government to allow Egged to transfer ownership shares in Egged subsidiaries to individual members.

Ya'acobi explained that the Government's large infusions of money into Egged last year were dictated by undertakings to the Histadrut not to raise fares. "Egged was entitled to this support in view of the constantly rising operating costs," he said.

The Minister said that the recommendations of the Golomb report should be carried out in full, which in the end would also work to the benefit of Egged members, the value of whose investment would thus be protected.

In reply to a reporter's question, Ya'acobi said that he saw no reason for resigning over the present crisis. "We're going in the right direction," the Ministry has long-range (Continued on page 2, col. 4)

Firing mars truce

BEIRUT. — Heavy fighting broke out between Muslim and Christian militias on Beirut's eastern outskirts yesterday, endangering the truce-sponsored truce that had been reported generally effective.

A police spokesman said a peacekeeping force of Syrian, Lebanese and Palestinian troops stopped fighting between the Christian militia of Eln Rumanneh and the Muslim neighbourhood of Shiyah. Militiamen of both sides raided the other's positions and the two sides exchanged mortar and rocket fire. Each side claimed it was defending its territory against attacks by the other.

The fighting broke out as PLO forces pulled out of Beirut, warning that they would be shot on sight, and upped a large part of eastern Beirut.

The worst incident of the day was when Muslim and Palestinian forces stormed the fortress residence of Interior Minister Camille Chamoun and set it ablaze. Gunmen looted the villa at Saadiyat, 10 kms. south of Beirut, before taking it to the town.

The fate of army troops guarding the residence was not immediately known, the spokesman said.

Prior to the outbreak of shooting, a Lebanese military spokesman ordered only scattered, isolated incidents of violence in the cease-fire. But at least 20 persons were killed and another 22 wounded.

Beirut Airport reopened on Friday for the first time in a week. The first plane to land carried a team of Syrian Army officers to help supervise the truce.

A six-man commission announced was drawing up a timetable for military disengagement yesterday between Christian and leftist Muslim private armies. A statement of 123 subcommittees beamed up

Fears in S.-W.A., Zambia

PE TOWN. — South Africa intended yesterday that it is prepared to withdraw some of its troops from Angola, where Soviet-led forces are reported to be making steamroller advances. Some experts believe these forces might be trying to cross into South Africa.

I have on various occasions said that South Africa's involvement in Angola is part of the interest of the free world," Defence Minister Pieter Botha said. "I also stated that South Africa is not prepared to fight on behalf of the free world alone."

Other's qualified statement indicated increasing speculation in Africa that the government about to announce at least a partial withdrawal of South African troops fighting on the side of the in Angola.

The Cuban-led Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) is reported to be within 10 kms. of Unita's provisional capital of Huambo, formerly Nova Lisboa, in southern-central Angola and to have captured the strategic harbour town of Novo Redondo on the Atlantic coast.

On the northern front, MPLA columns are said to be only a few miles from the Zaire border.

The Johannesburg "Star," in a report from Lusaka, Zambia, reports widespread anxiety among the leadership there at the prospect of a Communist victory in Angola. Zambia is experiencing critical economic difficulties and internal dissension. It is feared that the proximity of a Communist-dominated Angola would stir yet greater political conflict in the country. (AP)

M.E. draft resolution tabled at UN Council

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Six non-aligned members of the UN Security Council have tabled a draft resolution on the Middle East that will be formally introduced tomorrow, but which will certainly be vetoed by the U.S.

Benin (formerly Dahomey), Guyana, Pakistan, Panama, Rumania and Tanzania call for total Israeli withdrawal "from all Arab territories occupied since June 1967," and affirm "that the Palestinian people should be enabled to exercise its inalienable national right of self-determination including the right to establish an independent state in Palestine in accordance with the charter of the United Nations."

The resolution, which can still be modified before tomorrow, also says "that appropriate arrangements should be established to guarantee, in accordance with the charter of the United Nations, the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence within secure and recognised boundaries of all states in the area." This was considered as the clause recognising Israel's right to exist.

The new resolution is a compromise reached after two weeks of controversial debate in the Council. Israel has boycotted the session because of the PLO's participation.

Diplomatic sources at the UN said yesterday that France and Japan would probably support the resolution, as would Sweden and Italy. The sources said that Britain would either join the U.S. in opposing the resolution, or would abstain.

There had been speculation that the Syrians might eventually agree to insert into the resolution some reference to resolution 242 in order to win Britain's support and to isolate America completely by forcing a 14-1 vote. But the PLO refused to include the mention of 242 because the Palestinian problem is referred to only in terms of a "refugee" problem.

There was disappointment among pro-Israeli circles here that Panama and Rumania, two countries with whom Israel maintains relations, had agreed to join as co-sponsors of the resolution. Israeli officials had met with representatives from those two countries prior to the start of the session in an effort to moderate their positions.

Ephraim Eruan, the deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry, made a special visit to Panama earlier this month to seek its support. But Panamanian officials were said to be under considerable pressure from the Arab and non-aligned bloc to join the pro-Arab bandwagon.

Egged men's actions shatter strike calm

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Egged men on Friday, the second day of the bus strike, shattered the almost idyllic atmosphere which had prevailed on Thursday, when the public demonstrated that it can manage for a while without bus service.

From about 1 p.m. Egged escalated its action from a mere suspension of bus service to one of trying to block the "transport centres" set up by the Transport Ministry and of tying up traffic in general.

The public in Jerusalem reacted with unexpected fury. On Jaffa Road, between Rehov King George and Zion Square, Egged drivers attempted to stall 10 buses in order to block traffic through the centre of town. Enraged citizens broke the windows of six of them, sending some of the drivers scuttling for their safety.

One man, coming from the Mahane Yehuda market with two trays full of eggs, tossed most of them at the stalled buses. Some housewives heaved tomatoes at the buses. Youngsters got supplies of stones from the unpaved yard be-

hind the Pillars building and the six buses which remained stalled had not one window or headlight left unbroken.

Three youngsters who smashed bus windows with their bare fists received cuts, which were treated at the nearby Bikur Holim Hospital. They later returned to Jaffa Road showing their bandaged hands — like battle wounds.

A taxi driver, to the applause of the crowd, jumped into one bus and drove it onto the sidewalk, so that traffic could pass.

Apparently expecting trouble, the Egged men on Friday used only older buses, and not new models. At the Binyanei Ha'oma parking lot "transport centre," things had been quiet all morning. But about 1 p.m. some 20 buses blocked all approaches to the area. Furious discussions ensued between Egged drivers and citizens and the police was finally able to persuade most of the drivers to move their vehicles.

It was clear that the Egged drivers were playing a game with police, moving on from one location as police arrived in force, only to tie up traffic elsewhere. The simultaneous action of Egged men in the three major cities at exactly the same hour, seemed to give the lie to the claim by the Egged management (Continued on page 2, col. 2)



PINHAS LAVON

Pinhas Lavon dies at 71

GEDERA. — Pinhas Lavon, minister in several Israeli cabinets and former secretary-general of the Histadrut, died here at midnight on Friday after a prolonged illness. He was 71.

Considered at one time to be one of the leading ideologists of the Israeli labour movement, Lavon retired from public life five years ago when he was hospitalized with a brain haemorrhage, from which he never recovered.

His coffin will lie in state at 12 noon today at the Histadrut headquarters in Tel Aviv. At 1 p.m. the funeral cortege will leave the cemetery at Hulda, the kibbutz which Lavon helped found and was his home.

He is survived by his wife Lucy and his brother Zvi. (Appreciation, page 3.) (Itim)

Five die in four accidents

Five persons were killed on Friday and yesterday in four road accidents, two of which occurred near Eilat.

A Swiss volunteer was killed, and two other volunteers were injured, when a car overturned north of Eilat on Friday. It was driven by a 15-year-old boy, who apparently stole it from the Eilat Municipality's treasurer on Thursday, to take advantage of the Egged strike and transport passengers for pay. His four passengers were volunteers who had been waiting for a ride at the Eilat central bus station.

The volunteer killed was Otto Beniz, 26, Kathleen Rosebarr, 22, of Colorado, and Anthony van Greik, 20, of California, were injured, as was the driver. The fourth volunteer, Geoffrey Seider, 19, of Johannesburg, escaped uninjured.

A 41-year-old Eilat woman was

killed yesterday when the car in which she was riding overturned south of the city, near Coral Island. Her husband and two daughters were slightly injured. The family asked that her name be withheld.

Two men were killed in a head-on collision between a pickup van and a Prisons Service minibus on Friday on the Gheza Road, near the Ra'anana junction. The dead were the drivers of the two vehicles, while a passenger in one of them was seriously injured. Their names have not been released.

A resident of Hurfeish village near Safad was killed last night when the car he drove collided head-on with a truck near the Meggido junction. His name has not been released.

800 feared drowned

DACCA. — About 800 fishermen are feared drowned after tidal waves from the Bay of Bengal hit the Bangladesh coast last week.

Press reports said yesterday that 100 fishing boats were swept away by waves near Dhaka, in the Barisal district, details were still awaited. (Reuters)

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE and the Directorate of the Ministry of Defence

mourn the passing of

PINHAS LAVON ז"ל

former Minister of Defence

THE WORKERS OF ISRAEL

mourn the death of

PINHAS LAVON ז"ל

former Secretary-General of the Histadrut and one of the founders and architects of the Israel labour movement.

General Federation of Labour Hava'ad Hapoel

The body will lie in state today, Sunday, January 25, 1976 (Shvat 23, 5736) at Beit Hava'ad Hapoel, Tel Aviv from 12 noon.

The funeral cortege will leave at 1 p.m. today for Kvutzat Hulda.

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THE WEATHER

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Bat Yam	10-17	6-12
Be'er Sheva	10-17	6-12
Safed	10-17	6-12
Tiran	10-17	6-12

Social and Personal

Miriam Eshkol yesterday gave a tea at her home for the 30-member UJA Women's Division Mission led by Fannie Schaefer of Dallas, Texas, and Annette Dobbs of San Francisco, Calif. (Communicated)

The Skat Club of Mt. Carmel has elected J. Fuchs president, P. Lewish vice-president, D. Golan hon. treasurer, J. Heksel, hon. secretary, W. Salomon membership secretary, J. Cahane programme director, W.R. P.R. officer.

Yosef Tekoah, president of Ben-Gurion University and former Israeli ambassador at the United Nations, will speak at a luncheon given in his honour by the Israel-America Friendship Society in Jerusalem on "Efforts to Settle the Arab-Israeli Conflict." The luncheon will take place on 28th January at 1 o'clock at the President Hotel, Jerusalem. Reservations may be made by telephoning 34898.

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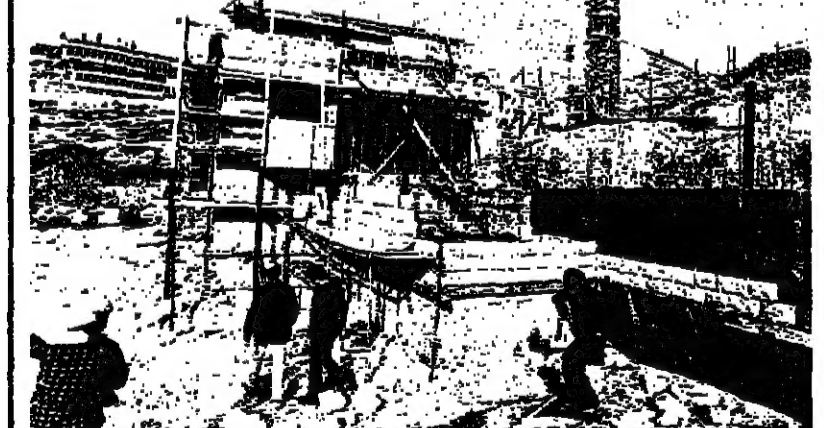
ARRIVALS
Rabbi Dr. Israel Porush, former Chief Rabbi of Australia, on a private visit.

British ME commander due
AIR MARSHAL Sir John Aiken, Commander, British Forces Near East, is due today for a four-day visit. He will be meeting Ministers and senior IDF officers, visiting army units and seeing something of the country.

E. Jerusalem man held on drug charge
An East Jerusalem resident was remanded into 12 days' custody on Friday on suspicion of drug trafficking.

The suspect, Ami Jitt, was arrested after he sold three bottles of morphine to an unnamed man. The morphine had been stolen from Hadassah Hospital.

A police representative told the Magistrate's Court that Jitt was suspected of belonging to the gang which carried out a series of break-ins at the hospital last August, when drugs worth IL80,000 were stolen. Further arrests were expected, he added. (Itim)



MORE ROOM FOR DISADVANTAGED BOYS

Jerusalem's Bayit Vegan section, overlooking the breathtaking panorama of the surrounding Judean Hills, is the scene of bustling building activity. Dwarfed by steeply high cranes, workers transform the stone-straw hillside into an educational complex for the future citizens of Israel who will come to study at Boys Town Jerusalem.

With an enrolment of 1,200 pupils, Boys Town is one of Israel's largest educational institutions serving ages 12 to 20. They come from 83 different villages, development towns and cities. 80% of the boys are from the Sephardic communities with a background of social problems, crowded home conditions and low family incomes.

Boys Town Jerusalem provides a high level of technical and vocational training with academic and Torah programmes. The range of courses is unusually wide, from computer science to teacher training. The school has four divisions: a junior high school, academic and technical high schools and a College for Practical Engineers.

One of the projects under construction is a new Students' Residence Centre. It comprises a complex of four multi-storey buildings, which will house 1,000 boys and will be a complete youth community, with cultural, medical and leisure facilities. On an adjacent site, the foundations are being laid for another vital project — a recreation centre incorporating a gymnasium, swimming pool and athletic grounds. These will make available all-year-round sports facilities which will also be used by children from the community at large.

A Junior High school building underwritten by the Ministry of Education and the Jerusalem Municipality is quickly approaching completion, and will provide places for 500 youngsters, almost all of them from deprived neighbourhoods.

With youth problems likely to increase, the additional educational, residential and recreational facilities are vitally needed. 4,000 graduates of Boys Town are already making an outstanding contribution in all walks of Israeli life. The Boys Town Jerusalem development programme will undoubtedly result in a significant addition to Israel's strength in the future. (Communicated)

Rabin, Peres warn on Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Staff
PRIME MINISTER Yitzhak Rabin warned last night that Israel "won't stand aside if certain developments take place" in Lebanon which endanger Israel's security.

"I won't specify which developments," said the Premier, "but our neighbours know exactly what they are, and they should re-think more than twice any plans they have that would force Israel to react."

Rabin was addressing the closing dinner of the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal fact-finding mission at the Jerusalem Hilton.

He noted that Lebanon was the only Arab country in the Middle East where Islam was not the official religion. "The Arabs are not ready to accept a certain amount of autonomy and independence by anyone who is not extreme Moslem Arab," The Premier attacked the Vatican and the UN Security Council for their silence on the carnage of Lebanon's civil war.

Defence Minister Shimon Peres said at the Tel Aviv Club on Friday that Israel was correct in refusing to intervene in the Lebanese civil war, while urging Syria not to intervene militarily. However, Israel remains free to assure its own defence as circumstances require.

Refugees from the fighting areas had not asked so far to be admitted into Israel, and there was no intention to offer them asylum here, he said. Israel was anxious to avoid any involvement, even indirect, in the struggle.

Tekoah: Now's the time to deal with Jordan

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israel's former Ambassador to the UN, Yosef Tekoah, said here on Friday that the Government should "ask the nation now" for the authority to negotiate with Jordan.

Tekoah, who is now president of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, told the Engineers Club that Israel was now ready to seek an arrangement restoring its authority in the West Bank. But "water-tight frontiers, such as existed in Europe between the two world wars," Tekoah added, "are a thing of the past."

ECONOMIC EDITOR'S OPINION
Egged co-op holds public to ransom

IN SWAHILI the vernacular of East Africa, the ruling proprietary classes are called "mabenze" — i.e. car-owners. This term could also be applied in this country, for three out of four Israel families still depend on public transport. Egged's strike has therefore caused widespread hardship and resentment. But it is doubted whether even the long-suffering public has grasped the full significance of this strike.

The Egged management unanimously decided to resort to strike action in defence of its members' demands and assets. One may find such militancy objectionable, but it does not differ from the general pattern of Wild West behaviour we have grown accustomed to. Even the cooperative's public statements aimed at explaining its actions are not quite true, though not exactly lies.

Egged's insistence on an all-or-nothing implementation of the recommendations submitted by the Golomb Commission does not hold water. The committee has so far submitted only interim reports, while its final verdict concerning the major issues is still outstanding. Because these recommendations are not yet known, the cooperative is possibly presuming that they will come out in its favour, and may even be hoping to bring this about through pressure tactics.

It is also hard to justify Egged's assertion that its service must be discontinued due to lack of funds. The Knesset Finance Committee has just empowered the Government to loan it a substantial amount. But obviously Egged cannot avail itself of this loan if it adamantly rejects the stipulated terms.

Even more remarkable in this whole affair is the Government's position. The Minister of Transport has deployed Egged's action as "grave," but has studiously refrained from condemning it. Although allowing car and truck owners to carry passengers (against high fares), he has rejected all pleas to interfere with the strike and to renew public transport. Commandeering Egged was out of the question, he said: the buses are their property.

Court order against Egged disruptions

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — District Court Judge Eliezer Neuman on Friday evening issued an injunction forbidding Egged to use its buses to disrupt traffic. He gave the order at his home, at the request of two Haifa citizens who said they had been hurt by the "public nuisance" caused by the buses that afternoon. They were represented by advocate Reuven Cheyne.

The injunction, issued against the Egged Company as a whole, forbade it to allow its drivers or any other persons from using the buses for any purpose but the regular and orderly operation of their service. It specifically forbade the company from ordering its drivers to drive in a way that would interfere with traffic.

Cheyne gave the written order to the traffic controller at the Bat Galim station, a representative of the management. The controller read it, threw it on the ground and denied having received it, Cheyne said.

However, in anticipation of difficulties, Cheyne had brought with him court official Nabeel Kayouf, who witnessed the serving of the injunction. They wrote a protocol describing the serving on the spot.

Cheyne believed the protocol was sufficient to make the injunction operative, and in his opinion it applied to Egged all over the country. The management could no longer claim that the drivers were acting "spontaneously," he noted. Even if they did so, the management was now bound to call the police to have the buses returned to their parks.

Twenty-seven persons were arrested in Haifa on Friday afternoon — 25 of them Egged drivers — after angry crowds attacked the drivers for causing traffic snarls with 100 slow-motion buses.

The drivers were charged with obstruction and released on bail in the evening. The other two men, charged with assaulting a constable and causing serious damage to a bus, were held over the weekend. The police spokesman said last night that they would be released today.

The Egged "war" on makeshift transport started just before 1 p.m., when dozens of buses drove slowly, in small convoys, down the city's main streets, making it impossible for traffic to go at normal speed in the narrow streets. Though they obeyed police orders to break up the convoys and divert into side streets, angry crowds attacked the buses, smashing windows and overturning a bus in the bay-side area. It took police two hours to restore order.

The Egged management officially denied having organized or initiated the action, though some of

Dr. MOSHE ATER
Strike violence

The man in the street tends to consider bus transport as a public service, the operators of which are entitled to a reasonable profit against the monopoly which they enjoy, and on condition that they do their job properly and efficiently. Under no circumstances should they be allowed to earn excess profits and accumulate surplus funds. Neither should the public be saddled with deficits which could have been avoided by better and more economic management.

Egged members, on the other hand, feel that they have a vested right, acquired by toll, tradition or cash-down payment — to passenger conveyance and to any income which can be derived from that, including the right of first refusal to any ancillary services (such as bus terminals or sight-seeing tours). The public therefore must be provided through subsidies if not bus fares. And any interference with their statutory monopoly ought to be settled by a compromise on terms agreeable to them.

The eventual decision concerning the deficit Egged has piled up to date obviously depends upon which approach prevails. But also, so does the cooperative's future come. Hitherto, Egged has been large always had its way, due to the Histadrut's tacit but effective support, which is also noticeable in the current crisis. The government has been paying lip service to the principle of public service. But it now turns out that it also supports the cooperative's monopoly, without waiting for the Golomb Commission's say on the matter. If the Government's proposal is accepted, the cash grants would wipe out part of the deficit. Then a convenient formula would doubtless be found for "consolidating" the rest of it. The way would thus be paved for merging the members' "private" companies with Egged proper, but with the cost to be paid by the public, and with Egged's vested interests again maintained.

Fortunately, this ingenious scheme has hit a snag, and the Ministry's travesty of public service has been exposed. But this does not mean that it has been failed. Egged would have never dared to strike, had it not been sure that the government's bite is worse than its bark. As a matter of fact, even the bark is a mild one.

The public is held for ransom, the Knesset is expected to toe the official line and not make waves. In Israel, as in East Africa, the car and bus owners are acknowledged the ruling class. It is about time that the public wakes up and understands what the struggle is all about.

Robbery by torture

HOD HASHARON. — Ten masked men yesterday broke into a home in Kfar Matal and abducted a woman, a man and her son, demanding the two give them all the money.

The woman, Rosa Bartim, turned over IL2,000 after she was hit and her son Yitzhak. But the three then gagged her and her son with adhesive tape and continued to strike the demanding more. They turned the house upside down looking for hidden money, but left when they found there was none hidden there.

The son was taken to Hospital in Kfar Saba with serious injuries. (Itim)

Public group to study absorption systems

PREMIER YITZHAK Rabin and Jewish Agency chairman Yosef Almozi have appointed a public committee to examine and recommend improvements in the immigration and absorption system.

The committee had been one of the recommendations of the Jerusalem Conference on Jewish Unity, held last month. The committee has been asked to make its recommendations to the Prime Minister and the Zionist Executive chairman within four months.

Its members are: Technion president Amos Horov, chairman; Ashraf Doron, vice-president of Tel Aviv University; Rabbi Asher Hirsch, member of the Zionist Executive; Dr. Marcus Wodovoz, of Kupat Holim; Prof. Avram Vornort, Russian scholar; Migrant; Julian Zandvoort, businessman; immigrant; Hamitovskiy, head of immigration and absorption; milite, an immigrant from U.S.A.; Ya'acov Silan, British migrant and former head of the Alia movement; and Shlomo Kailir, manager of the Argon plant.

Attention is also being focused on emigration — Tourism Minister Kof has asked for an Cabinet debate on the subject, announcing this, explained he it was made necessary by the fact that ones were no longer a sense of guilt at deserting the

Finns will fly to Ophira

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Finnair has again obtained approval from the Civil Aviation Authority to make direct flights from Helsinki to Ophira (Sharm el-Sheikh), after having earlier cancelled plans for such flights.

The Finnish Foreign Ministry had pressured the airline 11 days ago to cancel plans to fly directly to Ophira, after it had been widely publicized in Finland that such permission had been granted by Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi.

NEWSBRIEFS

FOUR HIGH SCHOOL pupils and four adults were arrested on Friday night when police raided a gambling club in Tel Aviv's Allenby Road.

HASHOMER HATZAIR's 68th council opened in a restaurant at Kibbutz Amir in Upper Galilee on Friday night. Kibbutz Amir secretary Natan Peled stressed the movement's goals of pioneering spirit, settlement of the land, and intensified work among deprived youth and in development towns.

A STOLEN CAR dump was discovered yesterday by the police near a citrus grove outside of Ramle. Police said car thieves abandoned stolen cars there after "cannibalizing" their parts and reselling them.

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State Comptroller: Bat Yam left without land for its needs

THE ADMINISTRATION of Bat Yam during the past five years has been so full of shortcomings, the city is left today with a shortage of land for public use and the police are investigating suspected corruption cases.

The State Comptroller's report, Bat Yam, released for publication today, includes sharp criticism of the city's management since 1970. The report relates to three years — 1970-71, 1971-72, and 1972-73, under the administration of Mayor Meushen Rothman (last week unanimously re-elected as its candidate by the Bat Yam Labour Party branch), and the final year or so under Likud's Yehuda Hak Walker.

During the period covered, the city's population grew by 34,000, and a great deal of construction was done. The Municipality, the report says, did a great deal of development work, and provided services — especially education facilities, roads and the water and sewage systems.

However, regulations on building permits and supervision were grossly ignored, as were the overall planning needs. The City permitted individuals to add construction, exchange for material benefits in Municipality. On the other hand, City failed to collect its taxes as required by IL21m. — 210 cent — by the end of fiscal year. Moreover, Bat Yam's finances were badly managed, in all that concerned borrowing at commercial rates, and investment of cash by the city.

There were also serious points pointed out in such services as the Municipal welfare department and public health maintenance, particularly sanitation.

Mayor Yitzhak Walker has announced a press conference tomorrow, to give an official report. The Municipal spokesman, while, said the mayor has established a team to study shortcomings listed in the report and oversee implementation of State Comptroller's recommendations. This team is headed by mayor, and includes the Municipal department heads and its advisers.

Robbery by torture

HOD HASHARON. — Ten masked men yesterday broke into a home in Kfar Matal and abducted a woman, a man and her son, demanding the two give them all the money.

The woman, Rosa Bartim, turned over IL2,000 after she was hit and her son Yitzhak. But the three then gagged her and her son with adhesive tape and continued to strike the demanding more. They turned the house upside down looking for hidden money, but left when they found there was none hidden there.

The son was taken to Hospital in Kfar Saba with serious injuries. (Itim)

Public group to study absorption systems

PREMIER YITZHAK Rabin and Jewish Agency chairman Yosef Almozi have appointed a public committee to examine and recommend improvements in the immigration and absorption system.

The committee had been one of the recommendations of the Jerusalem Conference on Jewish Unity, held last month. The committee has been asked to make its recommendations to the Prime Minister and the Zionist Executive chairman within four months.

Its members are: Technion president Amos Horov, chairman; Ashraf Doron, vice-president of Tel Aviv University; Rabbi Asher Hirsch, member of the Zionist Executive; Dr. Marcus Wodovoz, of Kupat Holim; Prof. Avram Vornort, Russian scholar; Migrant; Julian Zandvoort, businessman; immigrant; Hamitovskiy, head of immigration and absorption; milite, an immigrant from U.S.A.; Ya'acov Silan, British migrant and former head of the Alia movement; and Shlomo Kailir, manager of the Argon plant.

Attention is also being focused on emigration — Tourism Minister Kof has asked for an Cabinet debate on the subject, announcing this, explained he it was made necessary by the fact that ones were no longer a sense of guilt at deserting the

Finns will fly to Ophira

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Finnair has again obtained approval from the Civil Aviation Authority to make direct flights from Helsinki to Ophira (Sharm el-Sheikh), after having earlier cancelled plans for such flights.

The Finnish Foreign Ministry had pressured the airline 11 days ago to cancel plans to fly directly to Ophira, after it had been widely publicized in Finland that such permission had been granted by Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi.

NEWSBRIEFS

FOUR HIGH SCHOOL pupils and four adults were arrested on Friday night when police raided a gambling club in Tel Aviv's Allenby Road.

HASHOMER HATZAIR's 68th council opened in a restaurant at Kibbutz Amir in Upper Galilee on Friday night. Kibbutz Amir secretary Natan Peled stressed the movement's goals of pioneering spirit, settlement of the land, and intensified work among deprived youth and in development towns.

A STOLEN CAR dump was discovered yesterday by the police near a citrus grove outside of Ramle. Police said car thieves abandoned stolen cars there after "cannibalizing" their parts and reselling them.

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The Government of Israel
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PINHAS LAVON
former Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Defence.

Yundeff boys' relatives in five days' custody

NOT — The Yundeff boys' relatives, arrested on Thursday in connection with the boys' disappearance, were remanded for five days on Friday, at a session by a District Court judge at Petah Tikva.

The Petah Tikva magistrate ordered four of the five boys, but permitted the police to keep them for a few more hours until they appeared in court.

The five relatives, including the two uncles, were arrested Monday night, from under a guard's nose. The boys, who were staying with their uncle, Ben-Artzi, at Moshav Gan, were there in their pyjamas at night, while many relatives gathered at the house to celebrate the wedding.

Ben-Artzi and Dov were to be taken to Germany the next morning to join their father, in accordance with a court ruling, until parents' divorce case there is decided. But when the police car

Runaway, 9, found safe

ASHEOD. — A boy who disappeared on Friday after his teacher scolded him for classroom pranks was found in Holon yesterday, safe but shaking from fear and cold.

Nine-year-old Ami Azran, had decided to keep low when his teacher said she was writing a letter to his father the same day. When his parents looked for him at school late Friday afternoon, they found only his schoolbag.

They notified police, who sent out a search party with bloodhounds. On Saturday, police received a call about a boy who had been found on a farm in Holon. It turned out to be Ami, who still had mixed feelings about going home.

oney dealer thought ed to Yamanik deaths

AVIV. — An alleged foreign black-market dealer arrested last week may be linked to deaths of Esther and Mordechai Yamanik, the police said.

A suspect, a 50-year-old Petah man, was named on a note found in the elderly couple's apartment. The note indicated he had paid \$20,000 and \$20,000 for the murder of the Yamaniks, lives Rehov Lilienblum deal. They were found dead, 20 apart, three weeks ago.



ARSON is suspected in a blaze which gutted Yosef Tassa's building supplies warehouse in Tel Aviv's Hatikva Quarter on Friday night. (IPPA)

3 held after Tel Aviv fire

TEL AVIV. — Three residents of the Hatikva Quarter here were arrested at the weekend, in the wake of a fire which gutted a building supplies warehouse in Rehov Etzel, causing more than 12 million damage.

The fire in the two-storey warehouse began shortly after midnight Friday, and was discovered by a passing police patrol. Proprietor Yosef Tassa told the police he locked up as usual that day, switching off all the electricity. The fire was all the more suspicious, however, because there was a blaze in the warehouse three months ago, also on the weekend.

Treasury moots return of certain tax exemptions

Jerusalem Post Economics Reporter

SOME TRANSACTIONS made taxable by the recent tax reform law, will again become tax exempt according to a proposal being discussed by the Treasury. The Jerusalem Post learned on Friday that the following changes have been suggested:

- A present from an employer to his employee, and a present from a self-employed person to a customer, of not more than IL25 per year will be tax free.
- Alimony paid by a husband to his ex-wife will be considered tax free income for her but not a tax free expenditure of the husband.
- Payments by the National Insurance Institute to a handicapped person for the upkeep of his car will be tax-exempt.
- Severance pay exceeding one-twelfth of an annual salary — or more than IL4000 — will be taxable as at present. However, the tax payments may be spread over a period of five years.

The Treasury is still undecided about the income tax imposed on payments by the National Insurance Institute. Although under the present law such payments are taxable, the Institute has refused to deduct the tax at source.

The Treasury has also not yet made up its mind on the capital gains tax on Natad transactions which it imposed last November and immediately rescinded following a spate of protests. The High Court of Justice is due to rule this week on an application by Moked questioning the legality of the tax cancellation.

Property tax exemption up

Jerusalem Post Economics Reporter

THE EXEMPTION from property tax on a single apartment will be increased from IL140,000 at the present to IL180,000-IL200,000, under an amendment proposed by the Treasury.

The reason for the change is not only inflation, but the difficulty the Treasury has had in collecting this tax.

The rate — 1.2 per cent on the value of the apartment above the exempted amount — will not be changed.

The treasury has in the meantime also decided to extend the duration of the defence stamp tax beyond its April expiry date.

Higher rates for water approved

THE KNESSET Finance Committee on Friday approved a rise of 22 per cent in the price of water for home consumption; a rise of 25 per cent in the price paid by industry; and a rise of 10 per cent for agriculture.

The Committee's decision accedes to the request made by the Agriculture Minister, who is in charge of water supply. The Committee, however, was evenly divided on whether to make the rate rise effective as of December 1, 1975, or on the date of approval. The matter was left for decision by the Minister.

Domestic water use will now cost IL1.10 instead of IL0.90 per cubic metre for the first eight cu.m.; IL1.70 instead of IL1.40 for each of the next eight cu.m.; and IL2.70 instead of IL2.20 for each cu.m. thereafter. Water for industry will now cost IL1.10 per cu.m. instead of IL0.80.

Farmers will pay IL0.33 instead of IL0.30 per cu.m. for agricultural use of water, and IL0.55 per cu.m. for water used in auxiliary farms and for gardens.

A new regulation permits local authorities, which feel they can provide a water supply service at other rates, to apply to the Agriculture and Interior Ministers for approval of a local by-law establishing other rates.

More applications at Ramat Magshimim

ACRE. — The murder of the three yeshiva students two months ago at Ramat Magshimim on the Golan has not only not deterred religious boys from going there, but has given rise to a large number of applications for admission to the settlement, Defence Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday.

Meeting with local council and labour council leaders here, Peres said the number of such applications was now four times the number of the students at the Ramat Magshimim yeshiva. He had been asked to approve more housing and weapon-training for the yeshiva during his visit this week.

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Mks back project for Ikrit, Biram

By YOEL DAB
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A group of civic leaders and Knesset Members have started organising a "voluntary development project" at the sites of Biram and Ikrit villages on the Lebanese border.

The group includes former Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati, Aluf (res) Yisrael Tal, adviser to the Defence Minister, and MKs Arieh (Lova) Ellav, Aharon Ephrat, Haika Grossman, Avraham Silberberg, Dov Zakai, Meir Pelli, Marcia Freedman, Yossi Sarid and Meir Talmi. There is also an Arab signatory, the Baptist cleric Ibrahim Siman.

In a circular, the group announce their intention of building a hostel at Biram for Arab tourists who come over the Jordan bridges. The hostel would have an annex, with a kitchen, for volunteers who may want to work in the area. Opposite Ikrit they intend building garages, a filling station, restaurants and a commercial centre, with a school on the site on the village itself.

One of the signatories, Dr. Rahel Rosenzweig, also sent a letter to the former villagers assuring them that the purpose of the project is to correct the "injustice done to them and restore their rights."

Galilee lands takeover listed

HAIFA. — The Lands Authority has published a memorandum on the plans to expropriate lands in Galilee, for development purposes. The plans have already come under heavy fire from various Arab circles.

According to the memorandum, the plans call for the taking over of a total of 20,000 dunams of land owned by Arabs and Jews, much of it in hilly areas which have never been farmed.

The memorandum stated that 4,729 dunams are to be expropriated in the Nazareth area, 7,454 at Carmel, 2,069 at Makr village, east of Acre, and 5,619 at Safed.

Of the land, 8,048 dunams are owned by the State, 6,320 by Arabs and 4,369 by Jews. Altogether, 3,000 owners are involved.

The memorandum gives no date for the expropriation.

WARDENS OF HAIFA'S Central Synagogue have cancelled plans to sell clothing and linens at reduced prices in the synagogue after the project was opposed by the Realtors Association. The gabbaim were told by Ze'ev Katz, association secretary, that if clothing were sold in the synagogue, the association would sell "aliya" for Tora readings.

Pinhas Lavon — Bigger than the 'affair'

WOULD BE unfortunate if Lavon were to be remembered only for the tragic 'Affair' bore his name. Though the ussions of the 'affair' dominated Israeli politics for a number of years, causing a number of crises and cutting short the careers of various prominent Israelis, Lavon deserves to be remembered for his dynamic contributions to the country's labour movement and to the ideology of Zionism.

Pinhas (Lubianiker) was born in the village of Kripin, in the district of Eastern Galilee. He received his schooling at a secondary school in Tarnopol, studied law at the University of Lvov. After joining Shomer, a Zionist group, he moved away from radical socialism and became a member of the Zionist movement, moving to Lod as the organizers of the Polish Jewish immigration.

He and his kruzna worked as hands on land near Hadera, eventually settled at Hadera. After its destruction in the riots of 1929, as founder of Hakhutot, Lavon held numerous public offices, serving as secretary from 1935 to 1937, and of the executive committees of the Histadrut from 1937 to 1940. He represented Mapai at Zionist congresses and in the first Knesset. He was Histadrut secretary from 1949 until appointed director of agriculture by David Ben-Gurion in October 1949. His popularity by promising peace and more production, and his austere personality, earned him the nickname of 'the iron fist'.

He remained in the Cabinet without portfolio from August 1952, and, as acting minister in January 1953, outbitterly against Stalin's 'Doctors' Trials'. When Sharet succeeded Ben-Gurion as prime minister in November 1953, Lavon became minister of defence. The sequence of events which followed, known as the Lavon Affair, was one of the most serious in the history of the State, with daily imitations at borders, followed by armed

Israeli reprisals. The British, acting under strong American pressure, were getting ready to pull their forces out of Egypt, an act which was expected to work potentially against Israel's interests. At this time, a search party with bloodhounds, on Saturday, police received a call about a boy who had been found on a farm in Holon. It turned out to be Ami, who still had mixed feelings about going home.

The operation failed, and most of the agents were arrested and brought to trial. The Egyptians executed Dr. Mostafa Marzouk and Shmuel Azar, and Israeli agent Max Bennett committed suicide in his cell during the trial. Victor Levi received life imprisonment, and Marcelle Nirdo and Robert Dassa were each sentenced to fifteen years.

The question of who gave the order for this tragic escapade remained unanswered, and became the focus of the 'Affair', the worst political storm in Israel's history.

In February 1955 Ben-Gurion responded to the call of senior party congresses and returned to the premiership. Lavon resigned as minister of defence, and it was only at this time that rumours gained public currency that Lavon had been subjected to an inquiry by a committee appointed by the prime minister.

Lavon became Histadrut secretary-general for the second time in July 1956, with Golda Meir's warm recommendation that the party exploit his talents ringing in the public ear. He dedicated himself to bringing about fundamental reforms within the organization. Lavon stressed the ideological motivation of the Histadrut, believing it was not merely an organization to fight for workers' living standards, but one guided by the vision of a free workers' commonwealth.

During this period Lavon fought to stave off the centrifugal forces which grew swiftly with the development of the State, and showed a marked tendency to undermine the central structure of the Histadrut. At the same time he opposed what he called "statism," the tendency of the State to supplant the Histadrut in the labour realm.

Lavon believed that new industrial complexes, which grew rapidly at this time, particularly in the kibbutz sector, should be subjected to the central control and guidance of the Histadrut, from which they derived much of their original investment. This centralistic conception met with powerful opposition (especially from Mapai), and Lavon failed to carry it through. He won his fight, however, to reform

and control Solei Boneh, to enforce reforms in the Histadrut's housing companies, and to streamline the administration of Kupat Holim. He envisaged the amalgamation of all the various sick funds and the creation of a nationalized health service, and planned a revolutionary merger of all existing pension funds.

Re-elected for a new term of office in April 1960, Lavon was at the height of his power and popularity as a national figure. The 'Affair', which had already influenced the course of his political career, was, however, about to assume destructive proportions.

At the beginning of his new term, Lavon supported a government wage freeze and maintained his struggle against state bureaucracy. In the summer of 1960 a secret committee, headed by the then Attorney-General (now Justice) Haim Cohn, carried out extensive investigations within the army and defence establishment into aspects of the 'mishap' of 1954, because of new evidence which had meanwhile come to light. In September of that year Lavon demanded full exoneration from blame for his part in the mishap, on the basis of the findings of Cohn's 'Committee of Three', but Prime Minister Ben-Gurion refused, on the grounds that, as he had said, 'Lavon in the first place, he couldn't exonerate him.'

Attorney-General Cohn submitted an opinion to the Cabinet on October 23 1960, based on the work of his committee. As a result the cabinet set up the famous ministerial 'Committee of Seven', which decided to absolve Lavon from all responsibility for the mishap. This evoked a bitter response from Ben-Gurion, who complained that the decision cast aspersions on the roles of others involved who had not had the same opportunities to be heard as Lavon.

Unable to carry cabinet opinion, Ben-Gurion resigned from the premiership at the end of January 1961. He was succeeded, however, in persuading Mapai to elect Lavon as secretary-general of the Histadrut. Lavon resigned the same year, on February 9.

Lavon and his supporters created first the 'Ihud' pressure group and later the 'Mn Hayesod' movement to protest against Lavon's treatment and in particular his omission from the Mapai list for the forthcoming general election. The 'Lavonists' called on their supporters to put blank papers in the ballot boxes. Pressure from some Mapai ministers to reinstate or otherwise rehabilitate Lavon continued on Prime Minister Levi Eshkol.

To forestall this, Ben-Gurion submitted new documents on the 'mishap' in October 1964 to Justice Minister Dov Joseph. Joseph accepted the evidence contained in them and found the Committee of

Seven's exoneration of Lavon invalid, calling for a new inquiry.

This caused a free government crisis. Eshkol resigned and formed another cabinet from which Dov Joseph was excluded. Eshkol and his colleagues felt that the 'mishap' had been sufficiently investigated and to drop the 'Affair'. They would only add to the considerable damage already caused. But Ben-Gurion continued to call for a new inquiry, and Lavon was replaced on the Histadrut executive in January 1965.

Did Pinhas Lavon give the order to bomb the U.S. cultural centres in Egypt? In recent years a flood of books and published reminiscences reveal the extent of the power vacuum caused by Ben-Gurion's sudden retirement to Sde Boker. Within this situation Lavon went to considerable trouble to establish contact with individual army officers, often by-passing Chief of Staff Dayan to do so, according to Hagai Eshkol's study of the 'Affair'. Eshkol argues that against this background, plus the known friction between Lavon and Sharet, it is difficult to dissociate Lavon as defence minister from the bombing decision and the subsequent order for the Kibya reprisal.

Lavon's supporters, however, coun-

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Kissinger reports on Moscow talks U.S. signs pact with Spain; will pull out nuclear weapons

MADRID. — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger yesterday signed a five-year pact pledging the U.S. to withdraw its nuclear weapons from Spain, and to hold "urgent consultations" in the event of an attack against the West.

The pact also provides for the U.S. to offer Spain \$1.22 billion in foreign military sales credits, Export-Import Bank credits, grants, and a broad range of educational, cultural and scientific cooperation.

In return the Spanish Government will permit the U.S. to retain its naval facility at Rota, and its air force bases at Torrejon, Zaragoza and Moron.

Kissinger signed the treaty at a ceremony at the Foreign Ministry with Foreign Minister Jose Maria Arellano, after conferring with King Juan Carlos.

U.S. officials said the agreement amounted to a treaty on economic and military cooperation and did not constitute a new defense commitment by the U.S. To become effective the treaty must be ratified by two-thirds of the U.S. Senate and by the Spanish parliament.

The U.S. will remove its squadron of 10 Polaris submarines from the Rota naval facility, and withdraw any other nuclear weapons it may have on Spanish territory. It will sell Spain four squadrons of F-16 fighters, lease Spain 42 F-4E Phantom II fighters, and provide a mine-sweeper and other equipment.

Kissinger arrived from Brussels, where he met with NATO ministers, whose governments barred Spain from NATO membership for years because of objections to the rule of General Franco. The U.S. has been urging Spain's admission to NATO for years.

During his stay in Brussels, Kissinger reported to NATO foreign ministers on his trip to Moscow. He brought back new Soviet ideas on the limitation of strategic nuclear weapons. One of them was a 10 per cent reduction in the total number of major weapons in the hands of either side.

Kissinger told reporters that the new Soviet ideas were "significant and constructive." One of the main problems was how to include American cruise missiles and Soviet bombers — of the type called Backfire in the West — in a new agreement.

Dr. Kissinger apparently got a cold shoulder from the Russians on two other major issues — Soviet support for the Popular Movement in Angola, and the reduction of arms in Central Europe.

The Russians indicated they had no interest in a Western proposal to pull out 1,000 of the 7,200 warhead nuclear weapons it may have in return for Soviet withdrawal of a tank army.

Salvador Allende as Chile's President. Earlier, outgoing CIA director William Colby told another Senate panel that Congress should share control of U.S. intelligence activities, but "the system won't work" if material is leaked to the press.

Meanwhile two of America's best-known television newsmen and the head of the news network of a third TV network have denied charges that they were on a list of journalists paid by the CIA.

The charges were made in a television interview on Friday. The three men are Walter Cronkite and John Chancellor, and William Sheehan, president of American Broadcasting Company News.

The accusations were leveled in an interview on a station in Washington by Sam Jaffe, who was a television correspondent at the UN in the 1950s and early 1960s and later in Moscow.

The "New York Times" reported last week that Jaffe had confirmed, in a telephone interview with the newspaper, that he had worked as an unpaid Federal Bureau of Investigation informant in the early 1960s.

Mr. Cronkite said in a statement issued in New York that he had "never knowingly had any contact with the CIA in any capacity whatsoever except as a reporter seeking information."

Mr. Chancellor said: "This is not only totally untrue, it is ridiculous."

Mr. Sheehan also denied the charge. (UPI, Reuters)

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U.S.-Indians vote to sell Florida

HOLLYWOOD, Florida. — The Seminole Indians, who were forced off their tribal lands by U.S. troops more than 100 years ago and have been pressing their claims ever since, have agreed to sell Florida.

About 900 members of the tribe voted overwhelmingly on Thursday to accept 18m. from the U.S. government as compensation to the 4,000 to 15,000 modern-day Seminoles for 32 million acres of land covering nearly the entire peninsula state.

The Seminoles originally sought \$47m. for about 40 million acres, and Chief Howard Tommie said the final offer was "as near what the land is worth."

"But if we try to press it and the mood of the government changes, we could be left without time. Our lawyers say this is the best we can do. Who has another 25 years to fight?"

The offer, accepted after legal battles since 1948, amounts to about 50 cents an acre for land that includes Miami Beach, Disney World and Cape Canaveral.

The land was seized during the Seminole Wars of 1823 and 1832, and under the Indian Removal Act of 1848. Appraisers said the land was then worth between three cents and \$2.50 an acre.

The settlement must be reviewed by the U.S. Indian Claims Commission and the money must be appropriated by Congress. (AP)

China reports nuclear test

TOKYO. — China conducted a nuclear test on Friday, Peking Radio reported yesterday.

The broadcast called the test successful, but did not give its size or location. Nor did it say whether the test was conducted in the air or under ground. The last official reported Chinese nuclear test under ground was on October 28, 1975.

A brief communique issued by the government said it remains Chinese policy to work toward total nuclear disarmament. "The Chinese Government and people will, as always, work together with the other peoples and peace-loving countries in the world in the common struggle to achieve the lofty goal of complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons," it said.

The statement congratulated Chinese scientists, engineers, revolutionary cadres and the army on successfully carrying out the nuclear test after "conscientiously" studying Mao's "brilliant poems" published recently and the New Year's Day editorial. It did not say where the editorial appeared. (AP)

Socialist 'no' to Moro coalition

ROME. — The Socialist Party, demanding a say in the government for the Communist Party, refused yesterday to join a three-party coalition which would keep the Communists in opposition.

The Socialist decision, taken on the 17th day of Italy's government crisis, increased the likelihood of early general elections, which are likely to favour the Communists, Italy's second largest party, at the expense of the dominant Christian Democrats.

Announcing their decision after a five-hour meeting of party leaders, the Socialists said that the proposal of caretaker Premier Aldo Moro for a coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists and Republicans did not indicate "a desire for significant changes in economic policy." The party called for "an association of all democratic forces, without exceptions, on the left," meaning Communist participation, even indirectly, in national decision-making.

The uncertainty has increased the prospects of a further weakening of the national currency, already on the brink of devaluation. (AP, UPI)

Former U.S. statesman argues for super-power M.E. peace Sadat's hopes of U.S. arms 'likely to be dashed'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Former U.S. Under-Secretary of State George Ball says in an article just published that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat had assured his army officers that the U.S. will begin supplying sophisticated military equipment to Egypt as a result of the Sinai interim agreement. However, Ball thinks the Egyptians are likely to be disappointed.

Quoting "a well-informed Egyptian," Ball notes that Sadat promised

the officers that they will receive "arms and equipment in magnitude and sophistication comparable to those America is now giving to Israel." The Ball article appears in the February issue of "Atlantic" magazine.

The former diplomat, who is now a banker, predicts that "disillusion is just around the corner" for Sadat and his officers. "If the U.S. Congress were to give Egypt any military equipment at all, which seems doubtful, it would be limited in amount and purely defensive in character," commented Ball. He says Sadat has therefore appeared to

"rouse expectations that he can never fulfil."

Ball reiterates in the article his proposal that the U.S. and the Soviet Union should get together and work out a scheme for an overall Middle East settlement, and that the super-powers should later convince their respective allies in the Middle East to accept these guidelines. The article is certain to upset Israeli officials, who have always opposed an "imposed" super-power settlement.

Ball, who was originally favourable to Kissinger's mediatory effort in achieving the Sinai accord, now

says that the agreement may have created nothing more than a piece of paper, and worse, "an insuperable" impediment to the achievement of a lasting settlement.

Ball argues for a withdrawal by Israel to the pre-1967 borders, "subject to such minor boundary rectifications as might be achieved through negotiation." For this purpose, he says, he would support direct negotiations between the parties.

The Ball article is adopted from his forthcoming book on American foreign policy, "Diplomacy for a crowded world."

Correspondent Mark Segal comments from London

'Fumbling' hurts Israel's image

LONDON. — Israel's image here has not been helped in the last few days, largely because of its own fumbling.

There have been too many declarations about what Israel will do should Syria move into Lebanon, followed by official explanations that the IDF won't really have to move. All serious local commentators have taken this as an indication of vacillation and indecision.

In addition, the image of Israeli democracy has been tarnished by row over the Cabinet's decision to extend censorship to diplomatic reporting, which has been fully reported by the British press.

The fact that much of the stinging has been taken out of these measures — to judge by the Minister of Justice's latest remarks — does not alter the fact that the immediate impact of the initial reports has left a bad taste among Israel's friends and caused rejoicing among its enemies. Moreover, it provided an example of a government that cannot make up its mind, of having adopted a harsh line, and then losing its nerve.

The gravest recent instance of what harm such fumbling can cause is the "clerical error" by the Israeli UN delegation, which sent out a letter to the Council of Sudent Germans — known Nazi-sympathisers — to the effect that Israel would support a discussion of their claims against Czechoslovakia at the United Nations.

A spokesman for the London-based International Council of Jews from Czechoslovakia told this reporter that the mistake has handed ammunition to the Communist propaganda charges of Jewish collusion with the Nazis. The matter was first brought to light when the spokesman mentioned a Slovak radio broadcast claiming that Ambassador Haim Herzog sent out such a letter. Other Czech media were quick to exploit this "clerical error" in their propaganda campaign, the spokesman reported.

A third instance of fumbling, which is funnier than the last-mentioned, made the British Zionist Federation leadership the cause of merriment in the Jewish community last week.

Following Britain's abstention in the Security Council vote earlier this month on whether to invite the PLO to participate in its Middle East debate, the Foreign Office here received two letters from Jewish sources — one from the Board of Deputies of British Jews protesting at the abstention, and the other from the British Zionist Federation expressing "our appreciation." Both letters bore the signature of Lord

Janney, who is both President of the Federation and chairman of the Board's Eretz Israel Committee.

Lord Janney was unaware of the Zionist Federation's letter. It emerged that Federation chairman Eric Moonman, M.P., after consulting with other honorary officers, dictated the letter en route to Heathrow Airport to enplane for the Bahamas on a parliamentary mission. As is customary, Lord Janney's name was appended, in keeping with the strict observance of protocol in the Jewish community hierarchy. But Lord Janney, somehow, was not even informed of the gist of the message.

The first he heard of it was at the monthly meeting of the Board of Deputies, when the chairman of that body's Foreign Affairs Committee, Michael Fidler, criticised the letter. Meanwhile, the chairman of the Public Relations Committee, Malvyn Benjamin, British Zionist leader, also took issue with the letter and quoted Golda Meir's sharp criticism of the British abstention during her visit here last week.

Moonman is coming back from the Bahamas to an angry and embarrassed Z.F. executive, some of whose members are claiming that he is too busy a man to properly carry out his duties both as chairman as well as Member of Parliament.

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Egypt, Greece call for Israel withdrawal

CAIRO. — Egypt and Greece yesterday said Israel should withdraw immediately from the Arab territories occupied in the 1967 Six Day War.

In a joint communique issued here, President Anwar Sadat and Greece's Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis, who ended a three-day visit to Cairo, also urged Israel to "recognise the rights of the Palestinian people, including the right of self-determination."

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Paul Robeson dies — a recluse in a slum

PHILADELPHIA. — Paul Robeson, the politically controversial actor and singer, died here on Friday, aged 77, after living the last decade of his life in silence and bitter seclusion.

Thousands of people are expected to pay a final tribute to Robeson at his funeral in Harlem, New York, on Tuesday. He died after a series of strokes.

The son of a former slave, Robeson's extraordinary talents as a baritone and an actor pushed aside the immense social barriers of his time and established him as America's first black star.

But his outspoken social and political opinions and his criticism of racial discrimination eventually drove him to exile in England and to educate his only son in the Soviet Union. The man who made Negro spirituals familiar throughout the world and earned 20 curtain calls for his London performance of Othello when it opened in 1930 was barred from re-entering his own country.

During the anti-Communist witch-hunts of the 1940's and 50's, Robeson was branded a Communist. Although he refused to say whether he was a member of America's Communist Party, he lent his powerful voice to left-wing causes.

After many years in exile in England, during which his passport was withdrawn by the U.S.



Paul Robeson... "they only wanted to paint him red."

Government, he eventually returned, proclaiming: "My father was a slave and my people died to build this country, and I'm going to stay and have a piece of it just like you. And no Fascist-minded people will drive me from it. Is that clear?"

He retired in 1961 and became a recluse, living with relatives in a small row house in a West Philadelphia slum. He refused almost all visitors and gave no interviews.

Why should he talk about his life

Portugal to trim army

LISBON. — Plans have been announced to cut the Portuguese army by 40 per cent, adapting it to a new role of defending a small European country instead of Portugal's once far-flung empire.

General Antonio Ramalho Eanes, the army chief-of-staff, told soldiers at northern regional headquarters in Oporto on Friday that the reorganization would leave a force of 26,000 men.

At the height of Portugal's wars in its former African colonies, the army had over 200,000 men.

General Eanes, who took over his command after the failure of last November's leftist rebellion,

said the new army would be divided into three sectors.

One would be an intervention force of 10,800 soldiers, with sophisticated equipment for disavuation, defence against external aggression, and military support for foreign policy.

The second part would be a corps of 9,600 men, lightly armed, highly mobile, and capable of waging guerrilla warfare. A further sector of 8,500 would provide the army's permanent infra-structure.

Under the new army discipline, he said, legal sanctions would be taken against any soldier who insisted on serving the interests of political parties. (Reuters, AP)

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Tue, Jan. 27
1.30 & 8.30 p.m.
ART FILM CLUB: The Italian Film Month — Lectures by David Greenberg (in coop. with the Italian Cultural Centre) "Miracolo A Milano" (Italy, 1951) by Vittorio De Sica

Tue, Jan. 27
7.00 p.m.
GALLERY TALK (Hebrew)
"Music and Musical Instruments of the People of the Pacific Islands," Dr. E. Gerson-Kiwi

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EXHIBIT OF THE MONTH
Silver coin of Yehizkia the Satrap, 4th cent. B.C.E. At the Rockefeller: Portrait of a young lady of the time of Hadrian, Roman, 2nd cent. C.E.; decorated pottery kernos — a cult vessel, early Israelite period

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הקדמת החברה

Nordics, East Europeans spurn rigid Winter Olympics security

INSBRUCK — Australian police are confident they can protect Olympic villages and prominent athletes from terrorist attacks during the Innsbruck Winter Olympics which open next week. But organizers acknowledge that they cannot be guaranteed for athletes who will live in the sealed-off, high-rise quarters on the edge of town.

About 350 Olympic athletes and officials — many of them from Scandinavia and East European countries — have arrived at their own quarters at the field Nordic competition site, a minutes' drive from the village. Organizing Committee reported about 25 teams booked rooms in private hotels there and naturally tight security for them will be a problem, a committee spokesman said, adding that heavily armed police will be patrolling this urban area to ward off intruders.



One of Austria's top skiers, David Zwilling, tackles slalom course with grim determination. Performances turned in by Austrian skiers give them more than an even chance to keep much of Winter Games golds at home.

The Olympic village will house remaining 1,650 athletes and officials from 38 nations and women strictly segregated separate fenced off areas. Also, inside, the athletes from various nations will be forbidden from visiting each other's quarters.

The International Olympic Committee wanted it that way, the spokesman said in a newspaper preview. "We're not prudent, but view of the stresses of competition, this is a correct decision."

The village is a two-story high fence with built-in electro-alarm, and swarming with Austrian soldiers to ward off intruders, the newly built complex of storey apartments resembles a fortress on the edge of the town. At night the entire area is bathed in floodlights.

Starting with the Japanese team arrived on Tuesday, the village will provide sleeping, eating recreation facilities for some 40 athletes and 600 team officials from 38 nations before and during the Games, which open on Tuesday next week, the committee reported.

Lightning memories of the Arabist massacre of Israeli athletes in the 1972 Munich Olympics and the terrorist attack on Ministers in Vienna last month nudged Austrian Olympic hosts to throw up an unprecedented wall of security around the teams. The

Olympic village, 5 km. from downtown Innsbruck, is the focus of security precautions.

"To protect the Olympic village, we are using the most exceptional security measures possible," the Organizing Committee's general secretary, Karl Heinz Kieser, declared. "Entry to the village will be governed by the same conditions as passenger controls in a closely guarded international airport."

The largest men's teams have their own separate 11-floor section in the apartment complex. The Western teams have two buildings and the Communist East Europeans have another to themselves.

Every suite of rooms has a balcony with a view of the majestic Alpine peaks that tower over this quaint 700-year-old capital of the Tyrol. After the Games, the village's 642 separate flats will be rented to low income Innsbruck residents who can scarcely wait to move into the sorely needed complex.

Athletes of both sexes will eat together in the dining room on the boundary between the separate village sections — a building that will be turned into a high school after the games. Meals will be served virtually around the clock, from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m., with three menus each day providing 6,500 calories to satisfy appetites honed by strenuous competition in the cold weather.

Austria produces good beer and fine Danube wines but none will be available in the village. No alcoholic drinks will be served, but athletes will not be prevented from bringing their favourite beverages in.

Near the dining room, there is a shopping mall and coffee shop where newsmen will be allowed to interview athletes after first passing through the same stringent police controls in the reception building. The number of reporters has been limited to 1,750, less than half the 4,000 who covered the last Winter Games in Sapporo, Japan.

For recreation, team members have an entertainment centre where top European performers will present nightly shows.

A dance floor and a movie theatre are also provided, but no X-rated films will be shown, just sports films and musicals in keeping with the village elders' policy of low-level stimulation. (AP, UPI)

Results at a glance

STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

AFTER 16 MATCHES

	W	D	L	G	P
1. Jerusalem Betar	10	3	3	23:13	20
2. Beersheba Hap.	7	6	3	15:15	20
3. Haifa Hap.	7	5	4	15:9	19
4. Tel Aviv Hap.	7	4	5	20:14	18
5. Jerusalem Hap.	7	4	5	11:12	18
6. Kfar Saba Hap.	5	8	3	21:13	18
7. Shimon	5	8	3	21:16	18
8. Jaffa Hap.	5	5	6	22:20	17
9. Jaffa Hap.	4	9	3	12:13	17
10. Petah Tikva Hap.	5	6	5	15:17	16
11. Hadera Hap.	3	9	4	10:14	15
12. Petah Tikva Hap.	3	8	5	11:15	14
13. Tel Aviv Hap.	3	8	5	11:17	14
14. Tel Aviv Hap.	3	8	5	11:17	14
15. Bnei Yehuda	5	4	7	17:24	14
16. Haifa Hap.	4	5	7	16:16	13
17. Hakoah	3	6	7	13:22	12
18. Ramat Amidar	2	6	8	6:13	10
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NATIONAL LEAGUE:

Netanya Maccabi 4, Beersheba Hapoiel 1;	
Tel Aviv Maccabi 3, Haifa Maccabi 1;	
Beersheba Hapoiel 0, Tel Aviv Hapoiel 1;	
Kfar Saba Hapoiel 2, Tel Aviv Hapoiel 1;	
Ramat Amidar Maccabi 2, Hakoah 0;	
Jaffa Maccabi 2, Jerusalem Hapoiel 0;	
Jerusalem Betar 3, Bnei Yehuda 1;	
Shimon 1, Petah Tikva Hapoiel 0;	
Petah Tikva Maccabi 0, Hadera Hapoiel 0.	

LEAGUE 'A' SOUTH:

Jaffa Betar 0, Shaarayim Maccabi 0;	
Rimon Lezion Hapoiel 0, Ashdod Betar 0;	
Bnei Yehuda 0, Hakoah 0;	
Beersheba Hapoiel 0, Hakoah 0;	
Beersheba Hapoiel 1, Yehud Hapoiel 0;	
Beersheba Hapoiel 0, Beersheba Hapoiel 0;	
Beersheba Hapoiel 0, Beersheba Hapoiel 0;	
Beersheba Hapoiel 0, Beersheba Hapoiel 0;	
Beersheba Hapoiel 0, Beersheba Hapoiel 0;	
Beersheba Hapoiel 0, Beersheba Hapoiel 0;	

LEAGUE 'A' SOUTH LEADERS, AFTER 14 GAMES

1. Shaarayim Mac.	8	4	2	17:9	20
2. Yehud Hap.	7	4	3	18:11	19
3. Hakoah Hap.	7	3	3	21:12	17
4. Ashdod Hap.	5	6	3	12:15	16
5. Beersheba Hap.	5	5	4	15:13	15
6. Hakoah Hap.	4	6	3	13:9	14

LEAGUE 'A' NORTH:

Hadera Maccabi 1, Nahliel Hapoiel 1;	
Nahariya Hapoiel 3, Hadera Hapoiel 1;	
Kiryat Ata Hapoiel 1, Kiryat Shimon Hapoiel 1;	
Kiryat Shimon Hapoiel 2, Kiryat Shimon Hapoiel 0;	
Mahane Yehuda Hapoiel 0, Ramat Gan Hapoiel 4;	
Netanya Hapoiel 2, Hadera Hapoiel 2;	
Hadera Hapoiel 2, Tel Aviv Hapoiel 0.	

LEAGUE 'A' NORTH LEADERS, AFTER 14 GAMES

1. Hadera Mac.	13	9	2	22:11	31
2. Kiryat Shimon	9	10	3	22:11	29
3. Netanya Hap.	7	8	1	19:9	19
4. Nahliel Hap.	6	6	2	17:12	18
5. Hadera Hap.	6	6	2	15:12	16
6. Ramat Gan Hapoiel	5	5	4	18:7	15

JERUSALEM BETAR WINS TO TOP SOCCER LEAGUE

By JACK LEON
TEL AVIV. — Jerusalem Betar came back from trailing by a goal to defeat Bnei Yehuda 3:1 at the YMCA stadium in Jerusalem and take over the National League leadership from Beersheba Hapoiel.

Jerusalem Betar thus rose from 4th place last week to top of the table. The championship race has been thrown wide open with only two points separating the first seven clubs, and two more clubs only one point further behind.

Netanya Maccabi trounced Beersheba Hapoiel 4:1 before 10,000 spectators. They have now scored nine goals in their last two home games.

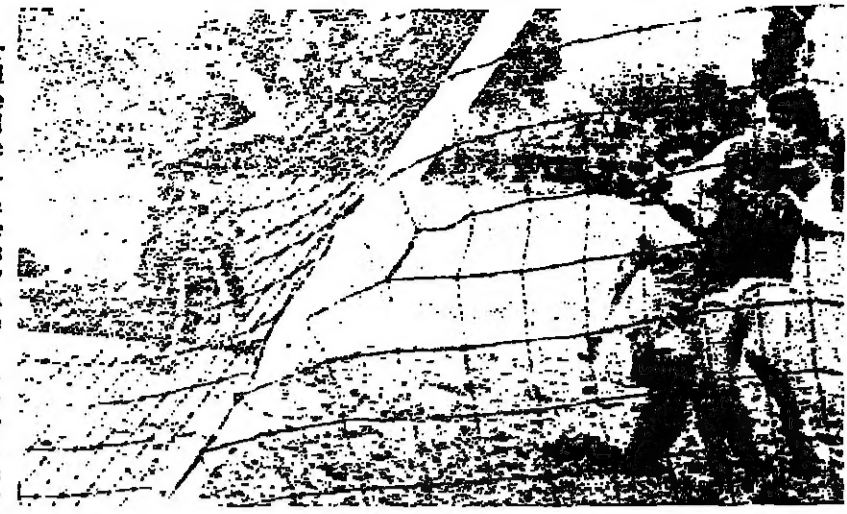
The surprise result of the day was the 1:0 away win of lowly Tel Aviv Hapoiel over championship aspirants Haifa Hapoiel. Tel Aviv Maccabi returned to winning form with a goal in the dying seconds of play against Haifa Maccabi. Kfar Saba Hapoiel scored their third consecutive victory with a 2:1 win over Tel Aviv Hapoiel, and Ramat Amidar Maccabi scored their first win since the opening day of the season, beating Hakoah 2:0 in the Ramat Gan derby.

A late disputed goal gave Shimon a 1:0 win over Petah Tikva Hapoiel, and two second-half goals by Jaffa Maccabi's Yitzhak Bloom put paid to Jerusalem Hapoiel.

Although the two leaders in each of the League "A" divisions, Hadera Maccabi and Shaarayim Maccabi, were held to draws, they in fact increased their leads as Acre Hapoiel and Holon Hapoiel lost away games.

Jerusalem Betar were on top virtually throughout against Bnei Yehuda, though ground conditions were slippery and muddy at the YMCA stadium. But it was Bnei Yehuda who took the lead in the 9th minute when Moshe Cohen headed a pass by Moshe Ozeri to send a low shot past goalkeeper Saron.

Although Betar were clearly on



Shimon Djerbi (extreme right) equalizes for Jerusalem Betar, who went on to defeat Bnei Yehuda, 3-1, in the capital yesterday and climb back to the top of the National League. (Rahamim Israeli)

top it was not until the 56th minute that Shimon Djerbi put the home side on level terms, collecting a rebound from the bar. Four minutes later, Uri Maimon, the best player on the field, gave Betar the lead with a 20-metre shot. Two minutes before the end, Djerbi put the result beyond doubt after taking a pass from Szabo. Six thousand saw the game.

Netanya Maccabi also came back from being a goal down. It was in the 42nd minute that Shalom Avitan gave Beersheba Hapoiel the lead against the run of play. Avitan was left unmarked by the Netanya defence, enabling him to convert from a pass from Numa. But the Beersheba lead was shortlived, for a minute later David Lavie equalized for Netanya Maccabi, from a Spiegel pass. Spiegel himself put Netanya into the lead in the third minute of the second half, following a free kick and neat return pass by Lavie.

Oded Machness, who scored four goals last week, added two more yesterday, in the 66th and 72nd minutes.

Tel Aviv Maccabi won their game against Haifa Maccabi in the last two seconds of play, when Uri Suleiman got his foot to the ball in a goalmouth melee. It was also a single goal that gave Tel Aviv Hapoiel victory in Kiryat Haim. But that goal was scored after only four minutes by Refat Turk, who diverted a pass by Danny Spoknyal.

Yitzhak Shum scored both goals for Kfar Saba Hapoiel. The first goal was from the penalty spot in the 58th minute, after Tel Aviv Betar's Avraham Lev fouled Eli Fuss. In the 65th minute referee Aharon Gaon held up the game for 10 minutes after his decision to allow a goal by Betar defender Haim Dehan. Dehan's shot hit the crossbar and returned to the pitch. Kfar Saba Hapoiel players protested that the ball had not crossed the goal line, and their view was supported by the linesman. Shum scored the Kfar Saba winner, after a lovely solo effort in the 84th minute.

Crystal Palace ousts Leeds in Soccer Cup

LONDON. — Crystal Palace, a Division team, knocked Leeds out of the English Cup yesterday in the sensation of the day.

Leeds, who had been leading 1-0 in the 24th minute, gave up a 1-0 win at Leeds' own end before an astonished crowd of 40,000. Leeds had been rated 5-1 favourites for the cup and out for the big League and double.

The four First Division teams had the last 16 of the big knockout tournament, noted for its. But three more could reach fifth round when replays have decided.

Leeds, which has eyes on a double — gained a 1-0 win over arch-rivals, Liverpool.

Most of the games were played in harsh winter weather. One — between Second Division clubs Sunderland and Hull — was postponed because of icy conditions.

Crystal Palace made the running at the start against Leeds.

In the 24th minute Peter Taylor, being fouled outside the penalty area, sent a perfect free-kick into the goalmouth, and a Swindon player nodded it in.

Leeds kept up the pressure for the rest of the game, with the Leeds fans getting on the move only at the end.

The Derby-Liverpool clash, which has been the season's most eagerly awaited, was postponed because of weather. But Liverpool made the running at the start. But gradually got into the game, and developed into a tense and struggle.

Moseley made another great save in the second half, this time from Steve Heighway. In the 67th minute Derby called off Leighton James, an expensive purchase from Burnley, and sent Roger Davies on as substitute.

Davies had been on the field six minutes when he picked up a long low cross from Bruce Rioch and shot the winning goal from six metres.

The results of the fourth round games:

Bradford City 3, Rotherham 1.
Charlton 1, Portsmouth 1.
Coventry 1, Newcastle 1.
Derby 1, Liverpool 0.
Huddersfield 0, Bolton 1.
Ipswich 0, Wolverhampton 0.
Leeds 0, Crystal Palace 1.
Leicester 1, Bury 0.
Manchester U. 3, Peterborough 1.
Norwich 2, Luton 0.
Southampton 3, Blackpool 1.
Sunderland 2, Cardiff 1.
Sunderland vs Hull — postponed.
West Bromwich 3, Lincoln 2.
York City 0, Chelsea 2.
English Cup — third round replay: Stoke 2, Tottenham 1.
English League, Division One: West Ham 1, Queen's Park R. 0.
The draw for the fifth round of the Cup to be played on February 14:

Derby v Southend United;
Bolton v Coventry or Newcastle;
Chelsea v Crystal Palace;
Norwich v Bradford City;
Leicester v Manchester United;
Stoke v Manchester City v Sunderland or Hull;
West Bromwich v Southampton;
Ipswich or Wolverhampton v Charlton or Portsmouth. (AP, UPI)

Israeli is only woman in int'l chess tourney

By ELIAHU SHAHAF

Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent
TEL AVIV. — Alla Kushnir-Stein, Israel's No. 1 woman chess player and thrice contender to the world crown, is the sole representative of the fair sex in the Masters' group of the traditional Wijk-aan-Zee, Holland, international chess tournament which opened on January 15. In the opening round Kushnir drew with the experienced West German international master Heinz Lehmann. This was followed by a draw with deputy world junior champion Larry Christiansen of the U.S. in the second round, and a defeat at the hands of Jorge Smetsen, one of the Argentine's top players, in the third round.

On Friday Kushnir improved her position by drawing with Bob Hartoch of Holland in a sixth round match.

In the main event (Grandmasters' tournament), Yugoslavia's young grandmaster Ljubomir Ljubicevic scored three straight wins in the opening rounds, defeating in succession Marc Dvorecki of the Soviet Union, Hans Boekamp of Holland and Ulf Andersson of Sweden. Among the participants of the event, sponsored by the Hoogoven steel works, are former world champion Mikhail Tal, of the Soviet Union, and U.S. champion Walter Browne. The tournament was awarded the highest rating by the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

Aussie bowler highest paid in history

SYDNEY. — With a flick of his famous wrist, speed bowler Jeff Thomson last week signed a contract making him the highest-paid cricketer in history.

His new yearly salary of \$79,125 to play cricket for the Australian state of Queensland puts him in a higher income bracket than the Australian Prime Minister, whose salary is \$75,000 per year including allowances.

Thomson's salary — guaranteed for 10 years — will be paid by a Brisbane radio station.

Thomson said after signing the contract, "Thank goodness that's over, now I can get back to playing cricket."

Former Australian test captain Ian Chappell described the contract as "staggering, if it's true. I've never heard of any cricketer anywhere in the world getting \$125,000 (over a 10-year period), let alone a sum like that," he said.

Most Australian cricketers receive about \$688 for a test and \$67 for a state game after \$7.05 has been deducted for income tax.

The contract placed Thomson in the category of great Australian professional sportsmen such as tennis champions Rod Laver and John Newcombe, jockey George Moore and golfers Peter Thompson and Bruce Devlin. (AP, UPI)

Mexico boycotts Springboks, want them out of Davis Cup

MEXICO CITY. — The Mexican Federation on Friday ordered the Mexico Davis Cup team to play South Africa in the first round and requested South Africa to withdraw from Davis Cup competition.

Osuna, president of the federation, said Mexico was avoiding all sports contact with South Africa.

He said South Africa should follow the example of Rhodesia, which withdrew rather than win by default against Ireland.

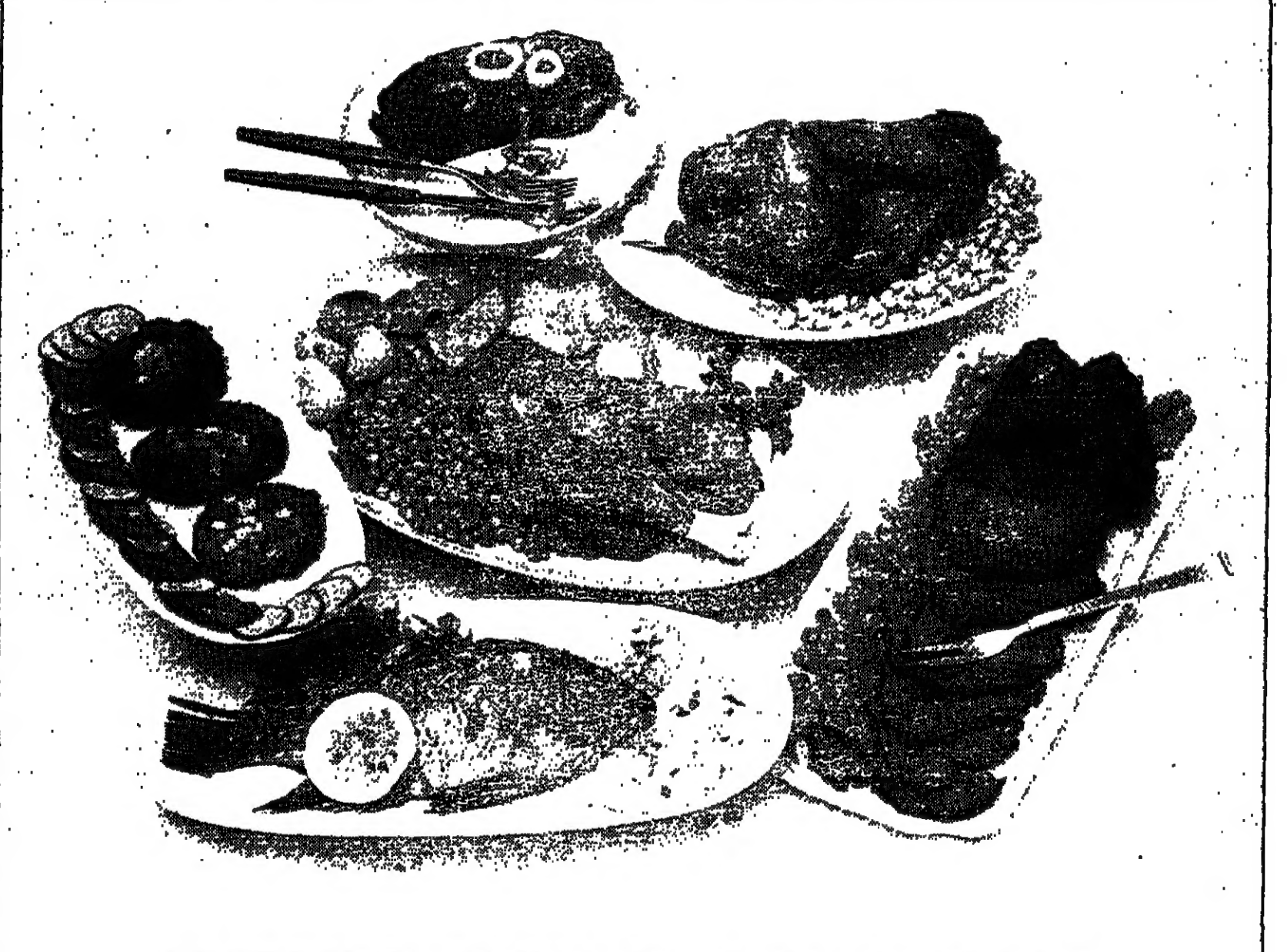
Mexico has consistently refused to play South Africa in international sports tournaments as a show of protest against South Africa's apartheid policies. (AP)

Ali assures

World heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali arrived in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Thursday to begin training for his February 20 fight against Belgian challenger Jean-Pierre Cooman, and was greeted at the airport by a large crowd of cheering fans. He assured them he would beat the Belgian.

Sauer saved a penalty for the amateur Vienna side Erdberg, then tripped up the man who kicked it and jumped on his neck. Peter Erdbrunner, 28, centre-forward for suburban side Gross-Enzersdorf, was put out of action for four weeks with paralysed nerves.

Down-Under final for Eastern Zone
AUCKLAND. — Onny Parun defeated Anand Amritraj in the fifth and deciding match on Tuesday to give New Zealand a 3-2 victory over India in the semi-finals of the Eastern Zone Davis Cup tennis playoffs. The win advanced New Zealand to the zone final in Brisbane next month against Australia. (AP)



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Argentina's inflation nightmare worsens

By JAMES NEILSON

OS AIRES. — The Argentine government has committed hara-kiri. The official figures were for 1975 this month they were appalling. The official living index rose by 334.8 per cent, the biggest annual leap in a land of perennial inflation. This figure was deliberately inflated from a short list of products whose prices were fairly tight-controlled by the Government, the real increase was much

country's reserves are scrap-iron. A year ago the Central bank had \$1,435m. in its coffers. End of 1975 it had a paltry of which most was owed, sure, again, is regarded as an ultimate of the facts. According to some economists the country's reserves at all.

As largely to the world-wide and the European Economic Community's protectionist farm. 1975 was a miserable year for Argentina. Although Argentina is absurdly cheap by standards — according to adding representative of the sector, Dr. Emilio Rogoni, a Argentina fetches less than a steak in Europe — Argentina's markets remained. In consequence the \$642m. surplus run up in 1974 was turned into a deficit estimated at \$1.5m. to which must be added an amount for "invisible" imports and payment of interest on the foreign debt. The gap merely served to drive the Argentine economy deeper into trouble. The industry depends on raw materials, which must be paid for with what is earned by the sale of farm products. The Argentine economy is in a production slump, and the to diversify exports becomes harder. even if Argentina had been

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Guide for the new investor

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Special to The Jerusalem Post

A PARADOX of the local investment scene is its defensive nature. The public's main concern has been with preserving the value of its savings, and the pursuit of capital gains has been secondary. As a result, almost all securities available to the public are either linked to the cost-of-living index or to the U.S. dollar.

The concept of linkage, almost unique in the Western world, is a bid to prevent the erosion in purchasing power as measured by the criteria of the cost-of-living index or the rate of devaluation of the Israeli pound in terms of the dollar. The argument as to the superiority of one linkage over another is a constant concern among investment advisers.

A now classic study of the two types of linkage, carried out by Dr. A. Arbel of Tel Aviv University, came to some interesting conclusions. The study compared two investments — one linked to the index and one linked to the dollar — over a period of 10 years. The result showed that both types of investment grew by almost identical sums. The cost-of-living index linked investment, however, did somewhat better when measured in absolute terms. These results must be viewed over the long term, since the conclusions do not necessarily hold true over short periods of time.

DOLLAR-LINKED

Since October, 1974, investments linked to the dollar proved to be superior to those linked to the index. During that period of time the cost-of-living index rose by some 35 per cent, while the pound was devalued in the same period by close to 80 per cent.

In the preceding year, index-linked investments were favoured as the dollar-pound relationship stayed constant at ILA20 = \$1.00, while the index rose strongly.

Personal investments include a very broad spectrum of possibilities. These include stocks and bonds in local and foreign currency; short-term loans; mutual funds; savings schemes; pension funds; bank deposits; commodities — such as gold or silver; Israeli coins and medals; stamps; art and real estate. Each investment field has different goals as to the result and therefore its suitability must be matched to the investment aims of the individual.

The small investor's goals often include preservation of purchasing power, a modest income and perhaps a small capital gain, and for him mutual funds and savings schemes offer the best possibilities.

WALL STREET WEEK

Market on the rise

NEW YORK. — The stock market swept ahead again last week, stretching the gain of the Dow Jones Industrial Average for early 1976 to more than 100 points and breaking the volume record it had set the week before.

The Dow rose 24.32 to 953.95 over the week. That put it 101.54 points ahead of its December 31 close of 852.41, only 16 trading days into the New Year.

The average is now more than 375 points above its late-1974 low, and within 100 points of the all-time high of 1,051.70 it reached on January 11, 1973.

The New York Stock Exchange volume totalled \$161.74 million shares, topping the peak of \$159.70 million recorded in the previous week.

The overall tally on the New York Exchange showed 1,451 gainers and only 419 losers among the 2,061 issues traded.

The market started out Monday on a bright note following the Federal Reserve's reduction of its discount rate from 8 to 5.5 per cent the previous Friday night. Banks across the country were meanwhile cutting their prime lending rates from 7 to 6 1/2 per cent. (AP)

The major banks, well aware of the needs of this type of investor, offer a broad range of mutual funds. Each fund has a specific goal as its stated investment objective.

Mutual funds have many distinct advantages for the purchaser. One of the primary advantages of a fund, no matter how large or small the investment, is that the holder immediately obtains a broad diversification of his investment. Most individuals investing in securities do not have funds available to diversify their holdings. Diversification is one of the key principles of sound investing, and a mutual fund provides it. Two other advantages are professional management and the marketability factor. Most funds agree to redeem the certificates on demand, and at the net asset value of the share on any given day.

Savings schemes also are attractive for the small investor, as one can generally participate with a monthly payment, which may run as low as IL50. The schemes are also varied in terms of investment goals. There are schemes for the purchase of an apartment, for a college education or just straight savings.

The most popular of these savings schemes is the "10,000 plan." The saver may deposit either one lump sum or may make monthly payments. In the former instance, the bank will credit him with an outright 10 per cent bonus. Both the bonus and the principal are linked to the cost-of-living index and an additional 4 per cent interest is paid. If the investment is held for a period of five years, the interest, bonus, and linkage differentials are free of tax. The net effect of the scheme is that the saver receives 6 per cent, which is fully linked. The one disadvantage is that to obtain the full benefits of the savings scheme, the deposit must be kept intact for the entire five-year period.

Despite this drawback, the "10,000" savings scheme is by far the best available today.

Common stocks are inherently a risky form of investment. Investors who purchase common stock are generally interested in achieving capital gains. The dividends, if any, usually run in the order of 3-6 per cent only. The shares of Bank Leumi, Bank Leumi, and Bank Leumi have proved to be rewarding both in terms of dividends and growth in value.

An old adage says, "If you want to eat well buy common stocks. If you want to sleep well buy bonds." The company issuing a bond accepts the obligation that should the company encounter difficulties or be forced to go into bankruptcy, the bondholders will have first claim to the assets.

Bonds are bought by those individuals who desire a fixed income. The bond issuer pays the holder a fixed rate of interest at a stipulated time. At the end of the life of the bond the principal is returned to the holder. Bonds in foreign currency are traded on the stock exchange and are available in dollar, Swiss franc, or Israeli pound denominations. A

favourite bond — similar to U.S. municipal bonds — is Holihi, which is in U.S. dollars, bears 6 per cent interest and is tax free.

The aforementioned investments are generally suited to the majority of the public. However, both the middle income and high income investor may wish to diversify further by assuming a greater degree of risk. Moreover, high-risk investments do not usually offer any return in terms of dividends or interest.

One of the more interesting investments is in Israeli commemorative gold coins, which are distributed by the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation. Their face value is guaranteed by the Bank of Israel; in recent years, however, their popularity both here and abroad has raised their prices considerably over issue cost. One can subscribe directly from the Coins and Medals Corporation or can obtain coins on the secondary market.

Commodities, such as gold and silver, can be purchased through those banks which are licensed to buy and sell these commodities. For those who do not possess free currency accounts, commodities may be purchased through Natdat accounts.

Stamps are generally considered to be one of the fastest growing areas of investment, but one must take care to avoid forgeries and damaged issues.

An extra apartment has recently come to be considered as a valuable investment. Due to the perennial housing shortage the value of apartments seems to have risen faster than the index and other conventional measures of interest. However, the situation was drastically altered by a new tax law passed in July 1975 which decrees that sales of apartments not used as living quarters will now be taxed heavily. If, however, an apartment which was used for living purposes is then sold, there will be no tax on the first IL500,000.

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Art works, including those of Israeli artists, have done well as investments in the last decade. They are not, however, suitable as short term investments, since the galleries generally charge a 30 per cent sales fee.

In summary, the investor would do well to initially set his goals and the amounts which he wishes to invest, and should ascertain whether he wishes to give priority to income, growth or safety. A judicious diversification of the various forms of investment discussed above should provide satisfactory results. Incidentally most banks have well developed securities and investment departments, and information is readily available even to the least sophisticated investor.

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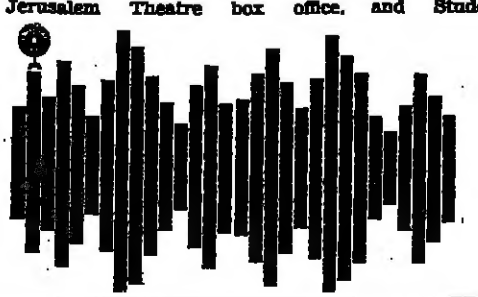
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Test of indifference

IN THE SUPREME COURT
SITTING AS COURT OF
CRIMINAL APPEALS

Before Justices Landau, Kohn
and Shamgar.

State of Israel, Appellant, v. Moshe
Nahum, Respondent (Cr. A. 344/75)

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post
Edited by Doris Lankin

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a verdict and allowed an appeal against the sentence handed down by the Nazareth District Court on June 5, 1975 (In Cr. C. 154/74).

The respondent, Moshe Nahum, was charged in the Nazareth District Court with placing explosives next to the door of the apartment belonging to the Vice-Mayor of Afula, with the intention of destroying property (contrary to section 327 of the Criminal Code Ordinance) and with being in unlawful possession of explosives (contrary to section 66A(b) of the Ordinance). He was found guilty on the second charge only and sentenced to four years imprisonment, of which two years were suspended.

The State appealed against his acquittal on the offence against section 327 and against the leniency of the sentence.

Mr. I. Horowitz, Assistant State Attorney, appeared for the appellant and Mr. E. Tolster for the respondent.

JUDGMENT

Justice Landau, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, concurring, noted that the State had argued that the respondent should have been found guilty of an offence contrary to section 327 of the Criminal Code Ordinance, which provides that "any person who, unlawfully and with intent to destroy or damage any property, puts any explosive substance in any place whatsoever, is guilty of a felony, or, alternatively, that he should have been found guilty of an offence contrary to section 326(3), which provides that any person who "willfully and unlawfully destroys or damages any property" by the use of explosives, is guilty of a felony punishable with life imprisonment.

The District Court, he noted further, had dismissed the charge against section 327 on the grounds that there was some doubt as to whether the accused had intended to destroy or damage the vice-mayor's flat, or had merely intended to frighten him by the noise of the explosion, as he had claimed. He found this conclusion somewhat surprising, he held, as it was hard to believe that any sane person would detonate explosives of such quantity as the respondent had placed against the door of the vice-mayor's dwelling, without intending to cause damage to the dwelling, or at least to the door itself. But this was a factual finding of the trial court and there was no sufficient contrary evidence to justify overruling it.

The only question to be considered by the Supreme Court was, therefore, whether under both section 327 and section 326(3) the fact that the accused must have known that there was a high probability of damage being caused and that he had been grossly indifferent to such a probability was not sufficient cause for a conviction. In so far as the principle is concerned, he continued, the rule is that indifference amounts to 29, 1975.

Judgment given on December

the "willfulness" referred to in section 326 when the accused is actually alive to the fact that his act is likely to lead to the unlawful consequence specified in the law and he nevertheless perpetrates the act, despite the fact that he did not wish to achieve the unlawful consequence (see the Jacobovitz case, P.D. 6/514; and Cr.A. 234/64, 4 P.D. 18/375). But where the law demands that there should actually have been an "intention" to commit an unlawful act, as it does in section 327 — then the test of indifference would not apply.

In applying the above rule to the case under consideration Justice Landau came to the conclusion that as the District Court had found that there was some doubt as to whether the respondent had been alive to the fact that the explosives he had used were likely to cause damage to property, as opposed to creating a noise, therefore not only could he not have been found guilty of an offence contrary to section 327 (which requires proof of intention), but he could also not be found guilty of an offence contrary to section 326 since one of the elements of "willfulness" was missing.

While the appeals against the respondent's acquittal on this charge should, therefore, be dismissed, held Justice Landau, he agreed with the State's representative that the sentence imposed for the offence contrary to section 66A had been too mild in the circumstances and should be increased to six years' imprisonment, of which three should be suspended.

In conclusion, Justice Landau commented on the fact that the District Court had disqualified the respondent's confession to the police on the grounds that it had been extracted under pressure of a protracted examination, with only short periods of respite, by two alternate teams of investigators, and that the respondent had been kept in custody for more than two weeks without being allowed to see his lawyers. The Supreme Court, he said, had on more than one occasion in the past severely criticized the system of exerting extreme psychological pressure on a suspect; and even in these days, when brutality amongst the members of the underworld is on the increase, the police investigators should not allow themselves to be influenced by this into forgoing the essential elements of fair examination, thus tarnishing the humane image of the State. He was aware, he added, that those in charge of the police force were intent on implanting recognition of this fact, and he could only hope that they would succeed in eradicating the stray weeds which had sprouted here and there. In the present case he would recommend, he concluded, that copies of the District Court's decision to disqualify the respondent's confession be sent to the Minister of Police, the Inspector General of Police, the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General.

Judgment given on December 29, 1975.

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- * Gallery talk at the exhibition on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 8.00 p.m., by Mrs. Dorit Hak, Tel-Aviv Museum.
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Who's to blame for Egged?

THE EGGED strike has prompted wild acts and wild words. The busmen have claimed there is no strike but rather a stoppage due to lack of funds. Yet they have seen fit to try and persuade the Dan cooperative to join the strike and to disrupt the alternative transport arrangements which the Ministry of Transport set up. This in turn led on Friday to angry and violent acts by frustrated forced pedestrians, whose very vehemence should cause the Egged Management to ponder why and how it has been so successful in alienating the public.

The public's resentment against the cooperative is the fruit of years of victimization by a monopoly which has seemed intent on persuading its customers that they count for very little.

Armed with the findings of the Golomb Committee, the Knesset Finance Committee felt free therefore to block Egged's attempt to get still more public funds without a commitment to put its own house in order. The Committee was aware that the public would be behind it and not the bus company.

Yet it is too easy to blame everything on Egged, for the Government, and especially the Transport Ministry, has over the years played an essential role in making Egged what it is. Even today the Ministry does not have an up to date and complete Egged balance sheet. The Golomb Committee itself based its report on old figures, and no outsiders can know Egged's real financial situation because the cooperative does not supply the necessary information.

But it is also true that the Ministry has never exercised its power to get at this information. Not even the State Controller has examined the books, although by law he is empowered to inspect the records of companies that receive large government subsidies or investments.

Moreover, it may be too much to expect Egged members voluntarily to relinquish ownership of the affiliated companies, as the Golomb Committee and Knesset committee want. Even if the management agrees, it is questionable whether it can legally compel the members to do so.

The burden for achieving this must lie with the Government and Knesset, who are responsible for regulating monopolies.

Thus while it may be true that nationalization, of the bus service would bring no improvement, and that subsidies cannot be avoided in the field of public transport, what cannot be taken as a guide for action is the record of past governments and Transport Ministers who abdicated responsibility for assuring that the bus monopoly be regulated to serve the interest of the public and not only the cooperative's members.

A gathering of old soldiers

JEWISH war veterans from all over the world are convening in Jerusalem this week on the 30th anniversary of Hitler's defeat. They have chosen to meet here as a gesture of solidarity with Israel.

Their presence recalls the successive wars that have been fought in the present century, to beat back tyranny. The cause that brought these Jewish ex-servicemen to the ordeal of combat was the right of nations to live independently in peace and freedom.

With the current assembly of the Security Council and the imminent calling of the Geneva conference, the above cause is at stake once more. Israel's policy is as old as the hills, to maintain its own national existence safe and secure, behind borders agreed through negotiation.

The attendance of Jews who have fought for the principles they believed in — ex-soldiers both of the Western Allies and the Red Army — underlines the unbending will of the Jewish people all over the world to help make sure that Israel is accepted in perpetuum, as one small nation among many, living at peace with its neighbours.

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Imposed settlement in Lebanon

DAVAT, writing of the latest cease-fire in the Lebanon, points out that this settlement "was made possible by the dispatch of P.L.A. units from Syria." Under the settlement, now underwritten by Syria, the paper expects that "the delicate political balance in Lebanon between the Christians and the Moslems will be upset, with Moslem hegemony becoming established. It is too early to say whether the Christian Phalangists do in fact accept the terms," but for Israel one can sense a "feeling of relaxation, both because of the possible end of the slaughter, and in the fact that we did not have to intervene militarily when Syria refrained from doing so."

In the long run the paper fears a "cease-fire" of the cease-fire kind, stressing that Egged's failure lies in the administrative sphere, and there is urgent need to treat this disease at its roots. The paper warns: "Egged may cause a rift between themselves and the public, which will be difficult to mend. The Egged members are bringing about a crisis which may well call into question their right to exist as a transport cooperative. The public's anger and bitter reaction testifies once this is determined, Egged should be made to pay for the rest."

HATZOFI says that a monopolistic concern maintaining an essential service such as public transport must show more respect and consideration for the population requiring its services. "The company thought that by causing disturbances it would compel the public to support it even when the company is in the wrong. But yesterday's events prove that the public is not prepared to give in to Egged."

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THE SOVIET UNION'S armed thrust into Angola poses a potential danger not only to the free and orderly development of the African continent, but to the peace and stability of the entire world. But it must be viewed in the proper context, and in historical perspective.

The enterprise in Angola — the sending of 8,000 regular Cuban troops in addition to heavy quantities of modern arms and ammunition in aid of the so-called Marxist MPLA faction — climaxes a whole series of Soviet interventions executed all over Africa, mostly in cooperation, though sometimes in competition with like-minded Arab governments. Suffice to recall here the bombing of Biafra, during the Nigerian civil war, by Egyptian aircraft flying Soviet aircraft; the rescue of the military dictatorship in Congo-Brazzaville by Cuban troops dispatched on Soviet orders; and the massive Soviet military aid to Uganda, following Idi Amin's sellout to Libya's Muammar Gaddafi. The irony of all these interventions is that they were carried out under the slogan of battling western imperialism, and that they all met with very little, if any, resistance on the part of the West.

In this sense, too, history is only repeating itself in Angola these days. The MPLA's victory over its western-oriented adversaries in the F.W.L.A. and UNITA is virtually a foregone conclusion, and it seems that only a miracle could now save Angola from becoming an outright Soviet colony — or, in the European parlance, a Soviet satellite. The example of Angola could, moreover, serve as a warning to other African nations that they would do better to hop on the Soviet bandwagon than be crushed by it while helplessly awaiting the arrival of American aid.

Several important advantages would accrue to the Soviets from Angola's annexation to their orbit. Without jeopardizing détente, they would be winning a firm political foothold in Africa; they would be acquiring control over a valuable strategic area, with great potentialities for military bases; and they would be gaining access to a vast and, according to some accounts,

The Russian gamble in Angola may pay off in the short run, but in the long run the Kremlin may be in trouble as a result, writes DR. MIKHAIL AGURSKY.



Soviet-backed MPLA soldiers with new B-40 rocket launchers and rifles march through Luanda. (AP radiophoto)

fabulously rich source of raw materials. (Next to the Soviets the main beneficiaries of such annexation would be the Arabs, who may expect to win a fresh recruit to their already overblown UN majority, and a new ally in their effort to draw attention away from the real threat of the "progressive" brand of imperialism by focusing on the bogey of "racist" Zionism.)

IN THE SHORT RUN, then, the Soviets could rightly count themselves quite happy with the results of their Angolan adventure. But in the long run some disturbing questions are certain to arise for

them. As the Arabs have already discovered, to their chagrin, it is easier to buy an African politician than to keep him bought. African demands are large, and they are growing, while the Arabs, even the oil-rich ones, are not too eager to part with their earnings except to purchase arms and luxuries for their own use. The Kremlin may find itself in a similar predicament vis-a-vis any African government it has taken in tow.

Thus the acquisition of Angola is liable to prove a dreadfully expensive pleasure for the Soviet Union. Affluent as this former Portuguese colony may be underground, its

systematic development, especially if carried out on the Soviet model, would require massive doses of annual assistance. Soviet taxpayers, who are well aware how much Cuba has cost them in the past, may be less than overjoyed to see their hard-won economic achievements drained off to support some far-away Cuban conquest for the greater glory of the world revolution.

The Soviets may, of course, benefit from Angola's ample natural resources. But the Angolans will soon find that the West is a far better customer for their produce than the Soviet Union, and then it would be extremely difficult to keep them in

the Kremlin's political grip. The means of exercising direct control by the Soviets in a distant country such as Angola would have to be military means. But the only real troops to maintain "law and order" in the Angolan war itself has been the black population in Cuba, near Cuban soldiers fighting in Angola have been white. Apparently blacks were not considered reliable enough. The explosive effect of regular white police guard in a black country which has just won independence from white rule is easily imagined.

In the end, the Angolan conquest may become an intolerable burden for the Soviet Union. There will be very little profit in it, but the Union may feel that it cannot afford to lose it. It cannot afford to lose it without losing face — would be Egypt twice over — therefore it will simply have to pull out in the end.

Which brings us to what is perhaps the single most disturbing question about the Soviet gamble in Angola. Were all the factors carefully weighed and considered before the Kremlin decided to airlift its proxies to fight Holden Roberto, Jonas Savimbi? We cannot be entirely sure of the right answer. But it may be suggested that the decision was less the product of range planning by teams of experts and more the result of a violent outburst of activity by an ideological oriented interest group within leadership. The success of Angolan operations, it may have been thought, would not only brighten Communist Party's image in the eyes of the Congress but would also guarantee the group's own claim to an expanded position in the Party.

The Soviet politicians who tried the Angolan operation did pause to learn the lesson America's war in Vietnam, that even a super-power can go astray and even a super-power can overextend its resources.

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Rabin and sensibilities at the White House

Premier Rabin will be facing a testy, defensive President Ford during his visit to Washington.

By CHARLES FENYVESI

WASHINGTON — The concept of "balance" will figure prominently during the forthcoming American visit of Israel Premier Rabin. The Ford Administration does not want to be accused of having given a warmer welcome to adversary-turned-friend Sadat than to Rabin, a quasi-ally with whom there have been some recent disputes.

Rabin's visit here offers a good opportunity to remind Americans and Israelis — and Arabs — of the traditional bonds of ideology and sentiment that link the two nations and which go beyond the exigencies of this or that diplomatic initiative. There is a possibility that fast-moving events in Lebanon might turn the meetings here into coordinating sessions to avert disaster. The experience of successful cooperation in the 1970 Jordanian civil war will doubtless be recalled, as well as Rabin's personal role — much praised here at the time — in his numerous top-level consultations in the White House, State Department and the Pentagon.

Rabin will nevertheless face a testy, defensive American president — not the relentlessly genial Jerry Ford he used to know during his five years as Israel's ambassador in Washington. Rabin will also be contending with shades from the past: Ford's recollection of Rabin as a diplomat not afraid of exercising his influence in American presidential politics and Ford's disappointment in early 1975 with Rabin not making good his promises about the terms for a second interim agreement in Sinai.

Now that Ford is facing a Congress that often defies him, it irritates him that Israel always seems to be able to get what it wants from Congress. And Ford, a creature of Congress, is just as furious with Congress asserting itself in foreign policy as Kissinger, who is commonly accused of ignoring the constitutional role of Congress and riding roughshod over its sensitivities.

Sentiments toward the U.S. Congress at the highest levels of the Ford Administration are comparable to feelings of Israelis these days about the UN General Assembly. But what galls Ford is his vulnerability. Some of his closest advisers have come to believe that he will be defeated — perhaps even before the elections, at primaries or the Republican nominating convention.

Ford, a politician, can only disagree with that view publicly and

privately, but he is beginning to feel like his predecessor: surrounded by enemies getting ready to run him down. Of course, the degree of paranoia in Ford and Nixon is different, but so are the passions of their enemies and the magnitude of the threatened humiliation.

Ford will bristle at the slightest hint that in case of disagreement, Israel may appeal over his head to the American public. He will react in a similar way to any intimation that Israel might resist America's Mideast plan, which he regards as the only alternative to a war and an oil embargo.

Developments in Lebanon might cause some adjustments in the American diplomatic scenario, particularly on the Palestinian issue. But the basic desire of wanting to come to terms with the PLO over a Palestinian future will not change — and Rabin is certain to be at the receiving end of much blunt advice on that score.

Any suggestion by Rabin to slow down the momentum of America's Mideast peace initiative is bound to anger Ford as much as Kissinger. In their view, these past few months, Rabin has been pursuing a policy of challenging the Ford Administration in the belief that Kissinger has been reduced to a pitiful helpless giant and in the conviction that Ford will not be re-elected.

Both of these assumptions have a great deal of validity — and that is precisely why policies based on these assumptions generate so much emotional heat in the White House and State Department.

READERS' LETTERS

CURIOUS CHOICE OF TIMING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — One cannot help being surprised and annoyed that the new TV series, "The Onedin Line," is shown at the absurd time of 11:10 till midnight. It promises to be an excellent and original series with all the ingredients that appeal to young and old — adventure, romance, comedy, good characterization, and it is beautifully photographed. Moreover, it is a healthy series.

The hero is ambitious, hardworking and enterprising. We are also spared the usual violence, rape, drugs and car chases that continually clutter the small screen. "The Onedin Line" could show our youngsters some positive values. Why then is it relegated to this late hour, whilst those tired old productions like "Hawaii 5-0" with their boring and repetitious plots are shown early in the evening, to say nothing of the equally deadly "Morked"? AVIVA EVEN-PAZ Jerusalem, January 8.

PENFRIEND

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DANGER OF CREEPING CENSORSHIP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Today, censorship covers news on military affairs, oil, immigration, foreign loans and the deliberations of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. Censorship is now proposed for secret communications between governments and meetings between Israeli officials and officials of countries which have no diplomatic relations with Israel.

Tomorrow, censorship may be extended to political and financial affairs and perhaps to affairs involving personal freedom and rights. The result would be a controlled press and controlled information offices.

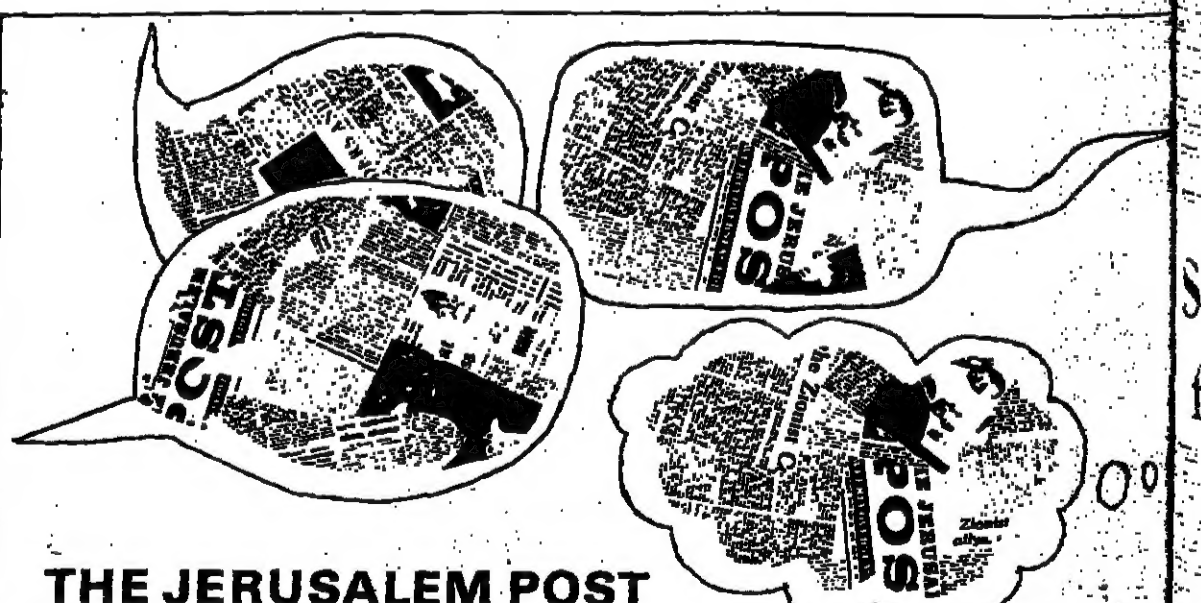
Under existing conditions, Government already exercises more control on public information than is customary in the free world. Let us not travel any further down the road of censorship lest we lose our freedom of the press.

Personal responsibility and censorship is the answer to the Netanya, January 19.

AFFLUENT EGGED MEMBERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The people of Israel are asked to tighten their belts, to do without, to submit to all kinds of restrictions. All this, so that we may support the most affluent segment of our society, the Egged members, who are never called upon to give up anything.

D. SCHWARTZ Jerusalem, January 18.



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